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WASHINGTON.

Speculations Regarding Future Impeachment Proceedings.

Gen. Thomas Sues Secretary Stanton for $150,000 Damages.

A Guy Fawkes Sensation Produced by Superintendent Kennedy.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 27.

THE HOUSE IMPEACHMENT COMMITTEE.

The House Select Committee of Seven on the articles of impeachment were in session nearly all day, engaged in the completion of their work. They now fully expect to be able to make a report some time to-morrow. Mr. BOUTWELL, from the Committee, came into the House during the afternoon, and obtained leave for the Committee to print their report before submitting it.

The Committee to-day passed a resolution enjoining secresy as to the character of their report, and it is therefore impossible to obtain any definite information as to the number or purport of the articles and specifications. I am warranted in saying, however, that although the specifications may be six or eight in number, they will not be antecedent to a commencement of the War Department difficulty. It is the opinion of the best lawyers in the House as well as some of the most astute politicians, that to attempt to arraign Mr. JOHNSON on charges and evidence that the House has once pronounced insufficient, would be fatal both to the moral and legal effect of the prosecution. It is also believed that, if the President cannot be convicted upon the offences charged against him in connection with the War Department question, he cannot be convicted at all. Messrs. BINGHAM and BOUTWELL were engaged up to an early hour this evening in perfecting the articles, and they will be sent to the printers to-night.

A GUY FAWKES CONSPIRACY.

A decided sensation was produced in the House to-day by the presentation, by the Speaker, of a communication from the New-York Superintendent of Police, exposing a possible Guy Fawkes conspiracy against Congress. The information came in a dispatch from Superintendent KENNEDY, of the New-York Police, to the effect that some unknown parties had purchased of the New-York Nitre-Glycerine Company five cans, or 165 pounds, of that article, on the forged order of a regular customer. The President of the Company, TAL. P. SHAFFNER, communicated the fact to Mr. KENNEDY, stating that the parties were unknown to him, as was also the destination and proposed use of the article. He suggested that it might be intended for Washington. The information was promptly dispatched here, and was whispered around Congress this morning as a great secret. There was much astonishment, therefore, among the few who knew it when the Speaker caused the matter to be announced in the House. The effect was curious and funny. In a few moments all the Democrats but three had left the Hall, and some weak-kneed Republicans were edging toward the cloak rooms. It is looked upon by those who know TAL. SHAFFNER, as one of his big jokes, and an adroit effort to get a good advertisement. There is no denying the powerful effect of his glonoin oil. The mere mention of it blew the Democrats out of their seats.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

The *status* of the War Department imbroglio has not changed materially during the past twenty-four hours. The civil suit by Gen. THOMAS against Mr. STANTON for damages has been commenced, and the amount claimed as necessary to repair the damage inflicted upon the Secretary of War *ad interim*, by injury to reputation, interference with business and legal expenses, is put at the modest sum of $150,000. It is simply ridiculous to have stopped at such small figures. The counsel for THOMAS could just as well have made it a million and a half, for it would be as easy to get one sum as the other. The President to-day resumed the intention of proceeding against Mr. STANTON by *quo warranto*, that being the only process left open to him. The length of time and course of procedure by this method to obtain a final judgment were fully stated in yesterday's dispatches.

It is now suggested in some quarters that Secretary STANTON should resign, and thus not only defeat the end sought by the proceedings of the suit, but end the wrangle regarding the War Office, while it would in no wise affect the *status* of the impeachment proceedings, but greatly give it a more judicial aspect by removing all appearance of being a strife for office. A couple of leading Senators are mentioned as suggesting this course, but probably without any authority for using their names, as they happen to be the two Senators who least of all would at such a time be found offering any advice or making any suggestions on a matter which is to come before them in a judicial capacity. If any prediction is safe it is that Secretary STANTON will not resign at present.

Gen. THOMAS made his usual visit to the White House this morning, and from thence proceeded to the War Department, whither he was followed by quite a crowd, all of whom expected that he would make another demand on Secretary STANTON for the surrender of the Department. Instead of doing so, however, he merely called for his private mail, and after chatting a few moments with some of his brother officers, left the building. His old room in the Department, known as the Adjutant General's Office, is kept locked, and has been since Friday last, with the key in Mr. STANTON's possession, but the latter expressed his willingness to surrender the key to Gen. THOMAS when he requests it as Adjutant-General of the Army.

FUNDING THE NATIONAL DEBT.

The Senate to-day began the consideration of Mr. SHERMAN's Funding bill, on which he made an able and forcible speech in support of its provisions. Among other things he declared very emphatically that if the holders of the Five-twenties did not choose to accept a five per cent. gold-bearing bond in case such a loan was authorized by Congress, it would then be proper for Congress to declare that the Five-twenties shall be paid in legal tender.

THE MCARDLE CASE.

Major ENOCH TOTTEN, an able young lawyer, who served in the war with distinction, has been selected by Secretary STANTON as assistant counsel to defend the Government in the MCARDLE *habeas corpus* case, and in the several cases of the State of Georgia *vs.* Gen. GRANT, Gen. MEADE and others.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 27.

NEW YORK POST-OFFICE PLANS APPROVED.

The Postmaster-General and the Secretary of the Interior sent in a communication to the House to-day on the subject of the Post-office and Court-rooms in the City of New-York. The structure is to be finished in the best and most substantial manner, and with materials and workmanship of the best quality, the carefully estimated cost of which, by the Commission, is $3,542,330, based on the prices current in the City of New-York in the Summer of 1867. Should the sub-basement be omitted, about a quarter of a million should be deducted from the above amount. The Postmaster-General and the Secretary of the Interior approve the plans and estimates, and ask for the appropriation of the necessary funds to carry out the object.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Rear-Admiral DAVIS reports to the Navy Department his arrival with the flagship *Guerriere* at Montevideo, Uraguay, on the 17th of last month.

He also reports that on the first of that month Dr. ADOLPHE DE BARROS, Calvencente De Albuquerque, President of the Province of St. Catherines, Brazil, accompanied by a civil and naval staff, visited him on board the *Guerriere*, and was received with proper honors. He was also received by Mr. BENJAMIN LINDSAY, United States Consul at St. Catherines.

Rear-Admiral DAVIS furthermore informed the Department that on the 12th of December the American bark *C. A. Littlefield*, which went on shore at Point Peidras, was saved from wreck through the efforts of Commander PIERCE CROSBY, of the United States steamer *Shamokin*, and his officers and crew.

Acting Volunteer Lieutenant-Commander EDWARD HOOKER, commanding the United States steamer *Idaho*, reports to the Department from Rio Janeiro, under date Dec. 31, that the repairs having been completed on that vessel, she was about to proceed on her voyage to Nagasaki, Japan.

Paymaster A. S. KENNEY, detached from duty at St. Paul De Loando, Africa, and ordered to settle accounts.

Midshipman G. H. RICHMOND, of the Naval Academy, has resigned.

REVENUE RECEIPTS.

The following is a statement of the receipts from customs from Feb. 17 to 21, inclusive, at the ports named below:

Boston	$342,872
New-York	2,786,019
Philadelphia	56,221
Baltimore	56,074
New Orleans (Feb. 1 to 18, inclusive,)	114,212
San Francisco (Jan. 13 to 18)	124,546
Total	$3,479,944

GEN. SYKES ASSIGNED TO DUTY.

Brevet Major-Gen. GEORGE SYKES, Lieutenant-Colonel Fifth Infantry, has been ordered to report without delay to Major-Gen. HANCOCK, and take command of the Twentieth United States Infantry, now on duty in the Fifth Military District.

DOCUMENTS DESTROYED.

The recent burning of the building on the corner of Fifteenth and F streets, destroyed a large amount of proofs and documents in cotton cases, principally those from Savannah and Charleston.

THE SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court to-day heard the cases No. 226, Provident Institution for Savings *vs.* The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and No. 239, The Hamilton Manufacturing Company *vs.* The Same; both savings-bank tax cases.

SECRETARY STANTON AND GEN. THOMAS.

This afternoon the following declaration was filed by counsel on behalf of Gen. LORENZO THOMAS, and a summons will be served on Mr. STANTON, and the case will come up for trial at the ensuing term of the Circuit Court.

In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia—Lorenzo Thomas vs. Edwin M. Stanton.—The plaintiff sues the defendant in plea of trespass in the case, for that: Whereas, the said defendant, EDWIN M. STANTON, contriving and wickedly, and falsely, and maliciously, intending to hurt, injure and aggrieve the said plaintiff, and without any reasonable or probable cause or a just pretence, to arrest and imprison, and cause and procure to be arrested and imprisoned the said plaintiff and him to detain and cause to be detained and imprisoned for a long time, heretofore, to wit, on the 22d of February, 1868, obtained from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, a certain warrant against the said plaintiff, directed to the Marshal of the said District of Columbia, whereby the said Marshal was commanded to take and arrest the said plaintiff, which said warrant is as follows: [This warrant was published in the TIMES of the 23d inst.] And the said EDWIN M. STANTON then and there falsely and maliciously, and without any reasonable or probable cause whatever, caused and procured the said plaintiff to be arrested and taken by the said Marshal, and to be kept and contained in custody for a long time, to wit: for the space of five days the next following; and the said plaintiff says that such proceedings were thereupon had in this said case that afterward, to wit: on the 26th day of February, 1868, it was considered and ordered by the said D. K. CARTTER, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the said District, in Chambers, that the said plaintiff should be discharged from said criminal accusations, by means of which said premises he, the said plaintiff, was not only imprisoned in the manner and for the time aforesaid, during all which time he suffered and underwent great anxiety of mind, and was hindered and prevented from attending to transacting his necessary and lawful affairs and business; that he was also forced and obliged to lay out and expend divers sums of money, to wit: the sum of $10,000 in and about obtaining his release and discharge from said arrest and imprisonment; and the said plaintiff also was, hath been, and is, on account of said arrest and imprisonment, otherwise greatly injured and damaged, whereby the said plaintiff saith that he hath damages and is in the worse to the value of $150,000, and thereupon he brings suit, &c. The plaintiff sues the defendant in a plea of trespass on the case for that; whereas, he, the said plaintiff, now and always hath been a good, true, faithful and honest citizen of the United States, and always esteemed and accepted as such, until the time of the committing of grievances hereinafter mentioned, nor ever hath been guilty of crime or misdemeanor, nor ever suspected to have been so guilty, until the committing of the grievances hereinafter mentioned; yet the said EDWIN M. STANTON, well knowing the premises aforesaid, but contriving and intending to hurt, injure and prejudice the said plaintiff in his good name, fame, credit and reputation, and to cause him to be believed guilty of a misdemeanor, and to cause him to undergo the pains and penalties of the United States made and provided against those who are guilty of such misdemeanor, and otherwise to vex, disquiet and injure him heretofore, to wit: On the 22d day of February, 1868, falsely and maliciously, and without any probable or reasonable cause, alleged and objected against the said plaintiff, that he, the said plaintiff, was guilty of a high misdemeanor, in that he, the said plaintiff, did before them unlawfully accept the appointment of the office of Secretary of War, *ad interim*, and did unlawfully hold and exercise, and attempt to hold and exercise the said office, and then and there for the said supposed offence, the said E. M. STANTON falsely and maliciously, and without reasonable or probable cause whatever, procured from D. K. CARTTER, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, a warrant under his hand and seal of the said Court for the arrest of said plaintiff for the said supposed offence, and caused the said plaintiff to be arrested and taken into custody by the Marshal of the District of Columbia, for the said supposed offence; and afterward, to wit: On the 26th of February, 1868, falsely, maliciously, and without any reasonable or probable cause whatever, forced and obliged the said plaintiff to go and appear before the said D. K. CARTTER, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and be examined by and before the said Chief Justice, upon and for said supposed offence; but the Chief Justice did not then and there find sufficient cause for which the said plaintiff should be retained in custody, thereupon the said plaintiff was then and there discharged from said out of custody. And the said plaintiff doth also aver that he is not, nor was, to any way guilty of the said supposed offence so charged against him, by means of which premises he, the said plaintiff, is greatly hurt and injured and prejudiced in his aforesaid good name, fame, credit and reputation, and has been taken and suspected to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and hath been kept and detained in custody, and hath suffered and undergone much trouble, and been hindered and prevented from managing and conducting his necessary affairs and business, and he hath been forced and obliged to lay out and expend large sums of money in and about obtaining his release from and out of custody and in and about the defence of himself and the manifestations of his innocence in the premises, and he, the said plaintiff, also was, hath been, and is, on occasion of the several premises aforesaid, otherwise greatly injured and damaged, whereby the said plaintiff saith that he hath damage and is the worse to the value of $150,000, and therefore he brings suit.

B. T. MERRICK, WALTER S. COX for plaintiff.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE..WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication from the citizens of Boston in regard to finances, which was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Also, one from the Washington Common Council, praying that the Mayor be compelled to pay the salaries of the corporation officers, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

OFFICERS' COMMUTATION.

Mr. PATTERSON, of Tennessee, presented a petition of the army officers of Tennessee, protesting against the passage of Mr. WILSON's bill relative to commutation of pay, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

Mr. JOHNSON offered a resolution of a meeting of citizens of Baltimore in regard to the rights of American citizens abroad, which was referred to the Committee.

SURVEY OF THE LAKES.

Mr. CHANDLER, from the Committee on Commerce, reported favorably a joint resolution, relative to the survey of the Northern and Northwestern Lakes, which was taken up and passed.

CENTRE MARKET.

Mr. CORBETT introduced a bill to provide for the removal of the Centre Market of the city of Washington, and for the erection of a market building in a more suitable locality, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

CLAIMS TO PUBLIC LANDS.

Mr. RAMSEY introduced a bill providing that when persons in the military or naval service of the United States have entries of lands under the Homestead law, and died in the service of the country, their claims, their heirs shall be permitted to purchase said lands at private entry, at the price to which they were subject at the date of the homestead entry, provided such purchase shall be made within six months after the passage of the bill, and that such claims have not already been canceled by the Commissioner of the Land Office and others attached to the lands in question.

THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD.

On motion of Mr. CONNESS, the Senate took up the bill relating to the Western Pacific Railroad, which, as reported from the Committee, Jan. 31, permits said Company to occupy for a depot, &c., so much of Goat Island, in the harbor of San Francisco, as may, within one year, be designated by the General of the army, with the approval of the Secretary of War, as not required in the time of peace, for military purposes, reserving to the United States the right to resume possession in the time of war or danger. The Company is also authorized to construct a railroad thence to a point on its present line near the City of Stockton, Cal.

Mr. SHERMAN said that the island in question was about two miles from the City of San Francisco, in the harbor, occupying about the same relative position as Staten Island to New-York. A portion had been occupied for fortifications. He (Mr. SHERMAN) had presented a memorial of persons, one of them residing in Ohio, claiming a title to the island under a Spanish or Mexican grant, claiming that they had had possession of it and made improvements, and had been forcibly ejected from it by officers of the United States without authority of law. It was now proposed to make this grant to this Railroad Company in California, already largely endowed with enormous grants on the line from Sacramento to San Francisco. He thought it should not be given to this Company without compensation, at least until these private claims were decided. The Engineer-in-Chief of the army had expressed opposition to the grant in a letter heretofore read.

Mr. CONNESS replied that the claim referred to had been decided against the claimants and the time for taking an appeal had expired. He had the estimates of the island's value made by Gen. HUMPHREYS and others were wild and extravagant. It was small, rocky and unfit for cultivation, and could be rendered valuable for military or railroad purposes only by the expenditure of an immense amount of money. He referred to the grant of Rock Island in the Mississippi, and other precedents for the proposed action of this bill. He cited the unanimity of the California Press in its favor; explained that it would enable the Company, by avoiding the circuit of San Francisco Bay, to shorten its road more than 100 miles, and claimed that its passage would conduce very greatly to the interests of commerce and of the entire country.

Mr. STEWART followed, taking the same view, when, at the expiration of the morning hour, it was laid over, and the bill for funding the National Debt reported Feb. 4, was taken up, and Mr. SHERMAN took the floor in its favor.

Mr. SHERMAN, after speaking of the duty of Congress to legislate upon this question without regard to political bias, and to protect their constituents in the enjoyment of the fruits of their industry, said that all would acquiesce in the importance of the objects the Committee had set before them—the reduction of the rate of interest, making provision for the payment of the public debt, increasing the value of United States notes, and providing for a speedy resumption of specie payments. He read a statement of the public debt, showing the amounts of the various loans constituting the public debt, consisting, he said, mainly of Five-twenty bonds, or bonds convertible into them in a short period of time. The redemption of these bonds was a subject of discussion all over the country, especially in the West, having been made the subject of political contention by both parties. In Indiana, and other States, both parties had passed resolutions declaring that these bonds ought to be paid in greenbacks, Congress was, therefore, impelled to meet the question. The Democratic Party stood on that proposition, and probably every candidate for office would be obliged to pronounce for or against it. He quoted from a speech he made two years ago urging the immediate funding of the public debt, and claiming that it should be funded by the same inflated currency by which it was contracted, and said it was apparent now that funding would then have proved a wise measure. But in April, 1866, they gave to the Secretary of the Treasury almost unlimited power of the public debt, limiting him only in the reducing of greenback currency to the rate of four millions per month; and within four years he had contracted the debt greatly, and converted all the floating debt into gold-bearing bonds, most of which would otherwise have been payable in currency. No doubt the Secretary of the Treasury had acted conscientiously, but gold, which had steadily declined from the close of the war until in April, 1866, it was 125; from that time it had advanced to 130 and 140. He claimed that we owed no nearer specie payments now than then, and that the debt could have been converted as well into a five per cent. loan as a six per cent. loan. The Secretary of the Treasury then thought it important, and Congress coincided in the idea that the United States should have the privilege of redeeming the bonds in five years; but the experience of all nations showed that in time of war they must submit to harder terms to borrow money than in times of peace. The Secretary had always decided very properly that bonds issued before the legal-tender notes must be be paid in gold, Secretary CHASE having so decided, first, when a portion of the Texas loan matured in the Fall of 1863, on the principle that gold was paid for these bonds and gold must be returned for them, and doubtless the same principle should be applied to contracts between individuals. To do otherwise was repudiation. On the question whether the bonds issued since the Legal-Tender act are payable in legal tender, he could only speak for himself and not for Congress. He had written on finance. The legal-tender clause provided that the notes issued under the first section should be a lawful tender for all debts of every kind, except duties on imports and interest on bonds and notes. If the case stood upon that legal-tender clause alone there could be no doubt on the point, the legal-tender notes existing to $150,000,000. The second section provided for the issue of these five-twenty bonds. If they had been issued under the act of Feb. 25, 1862, it would have been an irresistible conclusion that it was not contemplated that the $500,000,000 authorized under this act should be paid by the legal-tender notes themselves, converted into bonds; but in July following the limitation was increased to $300,000,000 before a single bond was sold. In December following the Secretary had utterly failed to negotiate the five-twenty loan, as shown in his report, and asked additional legislation. By the act of March 3, 1863, the limitation which prevented the sale of the five-twenties was repealed, and information to that effect was spread all over the country, $450,000,000 currency being authorized on that basis. They were sold, and not under the act of Feb. 25, 1862, under which the Secretary had failed to sell it. No right was given to the notes of that issue except to be receivable to the Government for taxes. It was true that certain Government officers had said the principal of these bonds would be paid in coin, a circumstance that had always embarrassed his mind more than any other; but he denied that Congress had ever acquiesced in that view. Mr. SHERMAN referred to various letters from the office of the Treasurer quoted during the debate, and claimed that they had merely expressed the opinion that the bonds would be paid in coin, doubtless in expectation of an early return to specie payment, but that they had never attempted to construe the law. He did not intend to advocate either view, but merely to show that on this subject honorable men might differ. The proposals to pay off the Five-twenties by a new issue of greenbacks he denounced as a dangerous device, amounting to repudiation; but he claimed that every State in the Union had recognized this principle by paying its debt, principal and interest, in greenbacks, save those on the Pacific slopes. In the present bill a fair and liberal offer was made to the bondholders of a substitute for the Five-twenties bearing five per cent. interest, payable in gold. He denied that it was to be regarded as a threat. After speaking further of the advantages of the new loan he said the proposition of the Committee was similar to the course pursued by England six or seven different times, reading from various publications analogous cases, from the year 1715 until after the Peninsular war. He then referred to the debts assumed by the Government of the United States, when the new Constitution was formed which declared that the public debt should be inviolate. The interest had been unpaid for a long time. ALEXANDER HAMILTON made arrangements for funding the debt, not on the terms of the debt, but by issuing six per cent. bonds of the old rate for two-thirds of it, the remainder partly by three per cents and partly four per cents, and partly in public lands. He claimed that the present plan was in accordance, therefore, with precedent; that it was equitable and feasible. The proposed bonds would be free from State taxation, the courts having uniformly held that the States could not tax Government securities. In time of war such a power on the part of a State would be disastrous; it would prevent citizens loaning their money to the Government. To tax Government securities one or two per cent. in the manner proposed recently in the House, like a special tax on manufactures, in lieu of all other taxes, would be a palpable violation of the Constitution worse than repudiation, because proposing a discriminating tax on property; a provision had therefore been inserted in the bill to protect these bonds from any discriminating tax by Congress. An attempt in the British Parliament in 1734 had evoked the remarkable letters of Junius, which attracted so much attention asinally to defeat the proposition. His friend from Missouri (Mr. HENDERSON) proposed a lower rate of interest than five per cent; but that was the lowest ever paid on public securities in this country, except in the case quoted of ALEXANDER HAMILTON. He instanced several English loans and popular French loans during the Crimean war, and said it would be idle for the Government to attempt to get money in the country, where a higher rate was always paid than in Europe, for less. He who loaned money now knew that when paid he would receive less in value than he gave. One thousand dollars payable in twenty years would, at that time, have one-fifth of its purchaseable power shorn from it by the addition to the volume of gold and silver. Real estate investments at four per cent. were better than the best bonds in the world at six per cent., payable in gold and silver. The decrease in England in 300 years in the intrinsic value of a pound sterling was nearly 600 per cent, while all other property had increased. He did not desire to see the present volume of the greenbacks increased. He said again, and he saw no necessity for it, and he thought it entirely feasible to reduce the Five-twenties from 6 to 5 per cent. To attempt to place the rate lower now would be regarded as a species of confiscation. He thought they could gradually pay off the principal of the debt until it was wiped out in 1901 or 1902. He explained the liability of the bill to that end, saying, the bill would place the note-holder and the bond-holder on the same footing, and that the bills pouring into the Treasury would be ample to redeem the outstanding bonds. This principle of converting bonds into notes would give flexibility to the currency of the country, which would rise step by step until it reached the standard of gold. Mr. SHERMAN concluded, after expressing the hope that the present well-founded discontent of the people in regard to bondholders would be removed by wise legislation.

Mr. CATTELL wished to say, as a member of the FINANCE Committee, that he did not approve of any proposition which would take from the bondholder absolute power to insist on the letter of his bonds.

Mr. SHERMAN disclaimed any intention to commit any other member of the Committee to his views.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. MORRILL gave notice that to-morrow he would call up the Appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. STEWART, the bill to give effect to the law in regard to public lands in Nevada, was taken up, and after debate, was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. WILSON, took up and passed the joint resolution to provide for the issue of clothing to soldiers and others to replace clothing destroyed to prevent contagion.

CAPTURED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS the Senate took up the joint resolution directing that certain moneys now in the hands of the Treasurer of the United States, as proceeds of captured and abandoned property be covered by warrant into the Treasury.

The question was on the substitute of Mr. EDMUNDS, directing all such moneys received under color of the acts of Congress to be covered into the Treasury, with the interest that may have accrued; also providing for punishment for neglect or refusal by fine and imprisonment.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. EDMUNDS offered another amendment, providing that a sum of the proceeds, not exceeding $100,000 be appropriated for payment of necessary expenses of collection and disposition of the property by the Secretary of the Treasury, or in suits brought against him for his agency therein.

Messrs. TRUMBULL and STEWART opposed the amendment as placing too much discretion in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Messrs. EDMUNDS, FESSENDEN and SHERMAN advocated it, explaining that the Secretary of the Treasury was continually liable to suits brought against himself or his agents on the ground of illegal seizures.

Mr. CONKLING asked why, if those expenses were already incurred, the appropriation could not be definitely made in an appropriation bill. He claimed that by the amendment the Secretary of the Treasury could pay an amount of the money, no matter how remotely connected with this property. He did not believe it was wholesome to clothe the Secretary of the Treasury, or any other officer, with such power.

Mr. EDMUNDS referred to the fact that the Secretary of the Treasury had the same power with regard to the collection of the revenue.

Mr. HOWE thought there should be a distinction made between suits brought against special agents. He would not admit that the Government should defend the latter in all cases. He thought the committee should give the names of such agents.

Mr. EDMUNDS—We can give them to you to-morrow.

Mr. HOWE further opposed the bill, while Mr. HENDRICKS said he would like to know about these suits before the resolution was passed, and proposed an adjournment, which after debate was carried, and at 4:40 the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

IMPEACHMENT.

Immediately after the reading of the Journal, Mr. BOUTWELL, from the Committee appointed to prepare and report Articles of Impeachment against President JOHNSON, offered a resolution permitting the Committee to report in print, which was adopted.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

Mr. MOORHEAD, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported back Mr. SPALDING's bill, introduced last Tuesday, declaring the meaning of the internal revenue tax on railroad chains, spikes, &c., to be a specific tax of $5 per ton on the manufactured articles, inclusive of the tax on railroad iron, but exclusive of the tax on pig iron, blooms, slabs or hoop, which was passed.

MAINE RIVER OBSTRUCTIONS.

Mr. PETERS presented a resolution of the Maine Legislature asking for an appropriation to remove obstructions in the Penobscot River. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

PROTECTION OF COMMERCE.

Mr. ELIOT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported back the Senate joint resolution authorizing the Lighthouse Board to place warnings over obstructions to the entrance of harbors, or in the fair way of bays or sounds, with an amendment in the shape of an additional section directing the Secretary of War to appoint a board of competent engineers, consisting of not less than three, to examine the condition of the wreck of the steamer *Scotland* in New-York Harbor, to ascertain whether it is dangerous to navigation, and to furnish estimates of the cost of its removal. The amendment was agreed to, and the joint resolution, as amended, was passed.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Mr. COOK, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, reported a bill to amend the act on March 3, 1865, providing for the construction of certain wagon roads in Dakotah Territory. Passed.

Mr. COOK, from the same Committee, reported a bill to authorize the building of a railroad bridge across the Ohio River at Paducah, Ky., by the New-Orleans and Ohio Railroad Company, on the same terms as provided for the bridge at Quincy, Ill., in the act of July 25, 1866.

Mr. RAUM offered an amendment providing that the building of the bridge shall not be commenced until a railroad is consructed in Illinois to a point opposite or near Paducah, of uniform gauge with the New-Orleans and Ohio Railroad Company. He opposed the bill unless it contained this proviso, and argued that there was no necessity for the bridge, and that it would not be built.

Mr. TRIMBLE, of Kentucky, supported the bill as one promotive of the general interests of the country, and suggested to Mr. RAUM that if the bridge was never to be built, there was no logic in his opposition.

Mr. NIBLACK expressed his opposition to the building of railroad bridges when they obstructed navigation, and therefore he could not, as at present advised, vote for the bill.

Mr. ROBERTSON supported the bill.

Mr. COOK closed the discussion, and remarked that twelve charters for bridges across the Mississippi precisely similar to this had been granted, and that four or five other bridges were thrown across the Ohio River, and that the bridge at Paducah would be less an obstruction to navigation than any of them, and that the amendment should not be adopted, as no such condition had been imposed in other cases.

Mr. HOLMAN moved to lay the bill on the table, which was negatived.

Mr. RAUM's amendment was rejected, and then the bill was passed.

Mr. CORNELL, from the Committee on Roads and Canals, made an adverse report on the memorial of the Legislative Assembly of Dakotah, for aid in building a road, which was laid on the table.

Mr. DODGE, from the same Committee, reported a bill to authorize building of railroad bridges over the Ohio River above the mouth of the Licking River.

WORKS OF ART.

Mr. KELLEY presented a petition of the Artists' Fund Society, of Philadelphia, and of numerous artists, praying for a specific duty on works of art, and a revision of the duties on materials employed by artists, which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

THE PLANS OF THE NEW-YORK POST-OFFICE.

The Speaker presented a communication from the Postmaster-General, with a report of the Commissioners, as to the plans, &c., for the New-York Post-office. Referred to the Post-office Committee.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AFFAIRS.

Also, resolutions of the Washington Common Council requesting Congress to pass an act or resolution to compel the Mayor to pay to each member of the Board of Council and Board of Aldermen his salary in full. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Also, resolutions of the National Commercial Convention, recently held in Boston, on finance, taxation, &c. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union, Mr. SCHOFIELD in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the Sundry Expenses Appropriation Bill.

The discussion on the amendment offered by Mr. CHURCHILL yesterday, directing the six revenue steam cutters on the lakes to be laid up, was reviewed.

Mr. SPALDING opposed the proposition as one which would operate to the interest of the smugglers.

Mr. HUBBARD, of New-York, opposed it on the same ground, and Mr. TROWBRIDGE sustained it on the ground that the cutters were entirely useles to prevent smugglers, and that they had never made a single seizure.

Finally, the amendment was agreed to, with the understanding that there would be a vote on it by yeas and nays in the House.

On motion of Mr. O'NEILL, supported by Messrs. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, and KELLY, and after a hard struggle with Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, the item for the construction of appraisers' stores at Philadelphia was increased from $25,000 to $75,000.

Mr. RAUM, sustained by Mr. LOGAN, tried to have an appropriation of $50,000 inserted for a Custom-house and Post-office building at Cairo, but Mr. WASHBURNE's opposition was more successful than in the Philadelphia case, and the amendment was rejected.

On motion of Mr. DODGE, sustained by Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, and after another hard struggle with Mr. WASHBURNE, the item of $15,000 for the construction of a Court-house in Des Moines, Iowa, was increased to $89,000.

Mr. HOPKINS moved to increase the appropriation for a Court-house at Madison, Wis., from $25,000 to $50,000.

Mr. WASHBURNE opposed it, remarking, however, that there seemed to be a combination among members from the various localities to increase the appropriations which the Committee had recommended, and that his opposition would be ineffectual.

Mr. LOGAN insisted that when the construction of buildings was commenced, it was not economy to refuse to appropriate money to complete them; and he referred to the fact that liberal appropriations had been made in past years for buildings in Galena.

Mr. WASHBURNE suggested that the money was as well laid out, and that if not thus expended, it would probably have been stolen.

Mr. HOPKINS' amendment was agreed to.

Mr. BARNES moved to appropriate $100,000 for procuring a site for Post-office and Court-house in Brooklyn, N. Y., but on objection by Mr. WASHBURNE it was ruled out of order, there being no law for it.

On motion of Mr. CULLOM, supported by Mr. BURR and Mr. BLAINE, and opposed by Mr. WASHBURNE, the item for construction of a Court-house at Springfield, Ill., was increased from $15,000 to $25,000.

Mr. RAUM, encouraged by the successes of Messrs. O'NEILL, DODGE and HOPKINS, renewed his proposition of $50,000 for a post-office and Custom-house at Cairo, Ill., and supported it in a speech, showing the propriety of making the appropriation and the commercial greatness of Cairo; and this time he succeeded in getting the appropriation made.

Mr. PRICE making some remarks about the trimmings and tinsel of the Treasury Department moved to strike out the items for the north wing of the Treasury,—a motion which Mr. BLAINE denounced as the height of absurdity, a compliment to which Mr. PRICE responded by saying that so soon as he reached perfection he would move to the State of Maine and run for Congress. [Laughter.]

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, took the same view as Mr. PRICE and sustained the amendment. The discussion might have gone on for an hour or two had not Mr. WASHBURNE taken steps to closeget debate in reference to the Treasury building, bringing the Committee to a vote on Mr. PRICE's amendment, which was rejected.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, tried to get an item of $25,000 for the arsenal at Columbus, Ohio, but it was ruled out of order.

Mr. SELYE moved to strike out the item of $100,000 for continuing the work on the Capitol extension. He wanted to know where the Capitol was to be extended to and who was to pay for it.

Mr. VAN WYCK sustained the motion, and Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, expressed his willingness to have the item struck out, and it was struck out, as was also $8,000 for the dome.

On a motion by Mr. POLAND to appropriate $6,000, instead of $1,000, for the preservation of the collections of the exploring expeditions at the Smithsonian Institute, Mr. SELYE declared that it would make a man or a woman sick to look at them, and he was opposed to taxing his constituents for any such purposes. [Laughter.] The reasoning appeared conclusive, and the motion was rejected, but the amount was afterward fixed at $4,000.

Mr. LAWRENCE, of Ohio, moved to strike out the item of $211,000 for the Metropolitan Police for the District of Columbia, and made a statement to the effect that within the last six years Congress had appropriated nearly $3,000,000 for purposes purely local, while there was not a city in the Union where taxes were so low as the City of Washington.

Nor rents so high, Mr. SELYE suggested. [Laughter.]

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, expressed his indifference as to whether the item was struck out or retained, but Mr. INGERSOLL, who is Chairman of the Committee for the District, protested that it would be an outrage to strike out the appropriation, remarking that the Government owned $50,000,000 worth of property in the District, for which it paid not a cent of taxes.

A SENSATIONAL LETTER.

While the question was under consideration the Speaker took the chair and stated that he had just received from the Superintendent of Metropolitan Police a letter sent to him from the Superintendent of the New-York Police, making so grave a charge that he did not feel justified in withholding it from the immediate knowledge of the House.

The letter was read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF METROPOLITAN POLICE, No. 300 MULBERRY-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 26, 1868.

Major A. C. Richards, Superintendent Metropolitan Police, Washington, D. C.:

SIR: I have just been called on by Col. TAL. P. SHAFFNER, President of the United States Blasting Oil Company, with a request to look up five cans of nitro-glycerine, which were delivered on an order from a regular customer, but which order is now pronounced to be a forgery. The quantity of the oil in the cans was about 165 pounds—a quantity sufficient to blow up the St. Nicholas Hotel in New-York.

He fears that it may have been obtained in the way it was, for some foul purpose, as he latterly has had several applications by unknown persons for the purchase of the article, to whom he refused to sell, owing to their being strangers and would not explain satisfactorily the purpose for which they wanted it.

He informs me that although it is given out that the stone walls of the Clerkenwell prison were blown down with gunpowder the material used was glycerine.

Now, Sir, this 165 pounds has disappeared from New-York, and if intended for mischief it is more likely for use in Washington than elsewhere.

I give you this information to put you on guard.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Superintendent.

When the paper was read, Mr. INGERSOLL said, let us abolish the Metropolitan Police, and see whether we will not soon be blown up. [Laughter.]

Mr. SPALDING moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. WASHBURNE hoped that the House would again go into committee and finish the bill.

The House went into committee, and it was remarked by several Republican members that there were few seats occupied on the other side of the House, as if there was really some apprehension of another Guy Fawkes attempt.

Mr. LAWRENCE's amendment was rejected, and soon after the Committee rose.

A CANAL PROJECT.

Mr. COBB presented resolutions of the Wisconsin Legislature in reference to the project of connecting by navigable channels the waters of the Mississippi and of Lake Michigan. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The House then, at 4:40 o'clock, adjourned.

Georgia.

Hon. JOHN BEATTY, the newly-elected member of Congress from Ohio, has addressed the following letter to Hon. FOSTER BLODGETT, President of the Georgia Constitutional Convention:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8, 1868.

DEAR SIR: The resolutions introduced by Hon. D. G. COTTING, and adopted by the Republican delegates to the Georgia Constitutional Convention, are before me. Allow me, in acknowledgment, to return you and through you to the Republicans of Georgia, my sincere thanks for this manifestation of your joy over the success of the loyal men in the recent election in the Eighth Congressional District of Ohio; and let me hope further, that the gentlemen who send these resolutions may be successful in their effort to reorganize Georgia on a loyal basis, and officer her with loyal men. We cannot sufficiently express our love and admiration for the brave men of the South who have been throughout the recent terrible war true to the old flag. I feel assured that every Republican in the North will rejoice with exceeding great joy should you be successful, and that every Republican band will be extended to welcome the loyal delegation of Georgia back again to their se

FINANCIAL.

The National Finances and the Public Faith.

NO. 6.

To the Hon. John Sherman, Chairman Senate Committee on Finance:

Since my last letter on the subject of your original report, you have introduced, from the Finance Committee of the Senate, a new bill for funding the National Debt, which is accompanied by another, introduced by Mr. HENDERSON, for amending the National Banking law. As these two bills are presented together, and are evidently intended to form parts of one scheme, they must be considered together in judging of their wisdom, and in endeavoring to foresee their probable effects.

Pardon me if I use language that seems harsh, but I am constrained, after careful study of these bills, to say that whatever yourself and the Committee may have intended, the *bills* themselves mean *mischief*, or they mean *absolutely nothing*. Respect for you personally, and for the important Committee which you represent, compels the belief that you could not have foreseen how fruitful of evil they would be, and how utterly abortive, so far as funding the debt is concerned. To render them operative at all, they must have behind them a scarcely concealed purpose, which they are not bold enough to openly declare, of intimidating the Government creditors into the proposed exchange, by the implied threat that the Five-twenties, if not funded, will be redeemed in currency. Without this, they are utterly without a feature calculated to encourage even a hope that they would result in the funding a single bond.

With it, they are a delusion and a snare.

As they now stand they would be either a dead letter or a merciless rack for the torture of the nation—a machine to force all Government bonds down to par, to bring on a money panic and do incalculable and aimless mischief, and would fail in their avowed purpose of funding the debt after all.

Let us see how they would work, if they should work at all:

First—The new bonds proposed in your bill could never rise above par in legal tenders, by the fifth section of the bill.

Second—The new bonds may be issued in exchange, and substituted for *any* portion of the existing debt, except the bonds bearing five per cent. interest. This would include United States notes, and *authorize unlimited contraction*—at least to the extent of the amount taken by the National Banks and locked up in the Department to secure their circulating notes, which would not be available for reconversion into legal tenders under the fifth section.

Third—No provision is made for negotiating an equitable exchange, according to the relative value of the old bonds and the new, by paying a fair difference. Hence,

Fourth—Nothing would be received and retired in exchange for the new bonds *but* legal tenders, until the existing six-per-cent. bonds were depreciated to par.

Fifth—Mr. HENDERSON'S bill *compels* the National Banks, holding over $300,000,000 of bonds in the Bank Department, to replace them with the new in one year: or at the rate of about $1,000,000 per day.

Sixth—The National Banks would not, of course, exchange directly with the Government, so long as their old bonds would sell in the market at anything above par.

This is the machine; now let us set it in motion, and see how it will work.

The National Banks begin to sell their old bonds in the market, and pay the proceeds into the Treasury for the new. This loads the market with the existing issues, while at the same time it takes away its power to absorb them, by locking up legal tenders in the Treasury, and making money tight. The old bonds, being by their terms fairly worth more than the new, and now selling at a premium of from 8 to 11½ per cent., would resist this artificial process to debase them, inch by inch. But the Henderson bill is inexorable and swift. The banks *must* exchange at the rate of a million a day. The screw must be kept turning, money tightening, all kinds of business strangling. Trade would be paralyzed. Everything would stand still, watching for the end of the tussle between the *natural* law of relative values and these unnatural and cruel laws of Congress.

At last the power of resistance breaks down, and the six per cent. bonds of the Government may, for the moment, after a hard fight, go down to par. The process has squeezed the life out of everything requiring the free circulation of money, and panic reigns. These are the first fruits. The brokers and "bear" speculators have had a riotous feast. The National Banks and other public creditors have been mercilessly robbed, and the Government everlastingly disgraced.

And yet there is no funding; and why?

A child can answer. The Five-twenties upon which the option to redeem has not matured, and the other six per cent. bonds, would rise above par the moment the Treasury Department should begin to pay out the money received for the new bonds which the National Banks had been compelled to buy, and thus relieve the money market. Nobody would think of giving *them* for a five per cent. bond which by its terms was tied down to par.

As to the Five-twenties upon which the option has matured, they pay six per cent. interest; the new bonds pay but five. The former cannot fall *below* par par so long as there is any money in the Treasury, because the Government can do nothing worse than pay them in legal tenders. The latter cannot rise *above* par, because they can always be had in exchange for legal tenders at the Treasury. No man would be fool enough to give up one for the other. All motive for exchange would be gone.

But suppose the Government should threaten to pay them off in greenbacks, unless exchanged within a certain time, as the bill provides? Who will care? Greenbacks are worth their face in greenbacks, and will always buy the new bonds at par. The Five-twenties are still worth par, and cannot be made worth any less. The new bonds are worth no more. No motive, therefore, to exchange. A man will hold on to his six per cent. bond till the Government redeems it, and then decide what he will do with his money.

But suppose the interest of the Five-twenties should be stopped if they are not exchanged within a certain time? Then the Government must *pay*, and we can still get the new bonds *then* for our legal tenders, if we want them as well as *now* for our bonds. Still no motive.

But suppose the Government should really call in the Five-twenties, upon which the option has matured, and pay them off?

There are $512,000,000 of them. Suppose the holders should decide to take their money *and not buy the new bonds*, how long could the Government continue to pay before the limit of $700,000,000, which the bills fix for the total issue of legal tenders and National Bank notes, would be reached? And the bonds must still run at six per cent. until it *can* pay them.

There is but one expedient left. *The Government must stop the interest, and refuse to pay except in the new bonds.* And this is UNDISGUISED REPUDIATION—the inevitable end at last of that bad road upon which a nation enters when it begins to make light of its solemn obligations!

I think I have shown that, without open repudiation, these bills would be powerless to fund the national debt. Are we prepared to pay this shameful price to reduce our interest one per cent.?

This is not all. Between three and four hundred millions of our bonds are held abroad. Europe stands with our bonds in one hand and its surplus capital in the other, longing to trust us, but mindful of Mississippi, and of PENDLETON and BUTLER—waiting for the voice from Congress or the people, which shall either convince her that American securities are a hopeless swindle, or shall make her eager to double her investment at a lower rate of interest. An ambiguous, evasive and treacherous funding scheme will do the one. An honest, just and equitable plan for consolidating the debt will do the other. This is the universal testimony of every man who knows anything of the feeling now existing at the money-centres of Europe.

It is a cheap sort of bravado, to boast that we can get along without Europe. We can get along without *soliciting* her favors if we are honest—for then she will come after our bonds fast enough. But it is in her power to wound us terribly if we destroy her faith in us *now*.

With these bills in operation, and working out the results I have described, the sensitive confidence of Europe would take immediate and universal alarm. Our bonds would come pouring back by every steamer. Every bond that came back must be paid for in GOLD shipped out of the country. Gold would go up higher than at the darkest hour of the war. Values would become wholly unsettled, prices would rise enormously, the business of the country would be all at sea again, industry would be paralyzed, *taxes would be increased*, and results would follow of which no man can count the cost, and for which our children would have sad occasion to curse the folly of their fathers. This is not an exaggerated picture. Any respectable banker or merchant of New-York, London, or Frankfort, will tell you it is not.

These two bills, working together, would do the things which I have described; or they would lie dead upon the statute book and do nothing at all.

The trouble with all such schemes is, that they seek to *dodge* the plain obligation of the Government *to redeem the Five-twenties in coin, whenever it undertakes to redeem them, and to let them run at present rate of interest till they can be so redeemed or voluntarily funded, at a lower rate, by the offer of a bond which upon its merits will invite exchange.* They seek some other way out of our present position, beside the straight and narrow way of honesty and good faith. They seek to conciliate, and compromise with, a clamor which demagogues have stirred up in some quarters against the burden of our honest debts; a clamor which should not be yielded to at all, but silenced by reason or throttled by righteous indignation; a clamor which begins by demanding a *little* villainy, but which will grow by encouragement, and never be conciliated or satisfied with anything short of final repudiation.

THERE IS NO SAFE WAY FOR THIS NATION BUT THAT OF THE PUREST INTEGRITY AND THE MOST UNIMPEACHABLE GOOD FAITH! This is a stubborn truth that lies straight across your path. It confronts you on every hand, convicts your conscience and convinces your judgment, *and it will not be evaded.*

It is not merely that honesty is the best policy—that it is the truest economy—that it is the *best way. There is absolutely no other road, but that which leads straight down to national perdition.*

It is not merely that we had best *choose* to be honest. We are compelled, by the law and logic of the circumstances which hedge us on every side, to be honest, or see our whole financial system ignominiously collapse, and go down in irretrievable wreck.

These bills will never pass.

The people of this country do not intend to be dishonest or to commit national suicide. Some of them may be mistaken as to the nature and force of our obligations, and the ultimate results of the schemes with which politicians seek to beguile them. But they are neither knaves nor fools, and public men should have faith enough in them to dare to do right.

But two paths lie open before us to-day. There is no middle way between. One is the path of honor and triumph; the other of shame and defeat. The American people, if they have time to think, will shrink from the first, as from the way of death. To suppose that the American Congress will deliberately lead them into it, is to impeach its integrity and insult its common sense.

ADIRONDACK.

THE PRESENT POSITION OF RECONSTRUCTION.

Change of Parties or Reconstruction—Rebel Malignity—Refusal to Let the People Govern—The Case of Alabama—Improvement of the Negroes—Position of Gen. Grant.

THE BEECHES, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1868.

You will recollect that I held from the beginning of the discussion on reconstruction, that it would be well to keep the rebel States unrepresented for five years, and better if for ten. This opinion was based on what seemed to me a fact, that nothing else but time would render them fit to be safe constituents of a loyal government. Have not events justified my opinion? At that time the Democratic Party and the Johnson Conservatives were for admitting them at once. They were never out of the Union said they, and nothing keeps them out but these Radical Republicans. Two and a half years have passed by and where are we? Suppose we had slept like Rip Van Winkle that period and just woke up, what would we find? With what astonishment would we look upon the change of scene! The whole Democratic Party, the Conservatives, and the rebels trying their best to *keep* those ten States out! Those poor, oppressed States, who are suffering under martial law, and to whom such a world of wealth and prosperity would come if they were only represented in Congress, (!) are kept out by the vigorons, determined and malignant opposition of all those who professed to be their special friends! If this is not the eclipse of faith I don't know what is. If I had a particle of faith in any one of the ideas formerly thrown out for their admission, no negro suffrage would frighten me from still insisting on their admission.

But I had not a particle of faith in either the reasons or the men. Human passions so malignant as those which carried on four years' war against the Government; which turned what were *called* loyal men into allies of rebels; which deliberately perpetrated the crimes of Andersonville; which, after the negroes had been solemnly made free, denied them the common rights of political freedom, and which is, at this moment, persecuting them in every possible way—passions like these do not die in a day. They have not died; and till the greater part of the generation in whose breasts they were raging have gone to the grave, can there be that harmony which you in the TIMES think necessary to reconstruction? If it were the *States* (and that was the term constantly employed,) whose return to Congress was the one thing needful, here is an opportunity to admit them at once. Why not do it? If those *States* are to be made happy and prosperous by what is called the restoration of the Union, why not do so happy a thing at once? What will all this hypocrisy avail anybody?

The simple fact is that the Democratic-Conservative Party (a strange mixture of elements) don't want the *people* to govern in those ten States. If they could bring them in with the votes of less than one-fourth of the people, (for women and negroes make three-fourths) and these make laws to reduce the negroes substantially into slavery, and then enter Congress with fifty votes against the Radicals and Yankees—it would be a glorious consummation: it would be an act worthy of the men and parties who for half a century ruled this country in the interests of slavery. It would be a greater victory than if LEE had beaten GRANT at Richmond. But, most unfortunately, some obstinate men in Congress marred this very pretty arrangement, and insisted that the people should have some share in their own government. What wonderful impertinence! So that victory was not gained for the rebels. Congress let the people vote; and I think it was only a week since the NEW-YORK TIMES informed us that this Government was the Government of the people. I never had any other idea of it, and till the rebellion, did not suppose this principle would be seriously contested. Well, Congress let the people vote, black and white, and in Alabama you say they have rejected the Constitution—that is, have deliberately refused to enter Congress. Nay, more, some of them have deliberately petitioned Congress to let them stay under martial law. Well, if it were me, I would administer martial law in such a way that it would be remembered to the remotest posterity. I would teach them the difference between bold, swaggering, bullying impudence, and a quiet submission to the strong hand of law. Congress, in the plenitude of its wisdom, has given rebels a much broader opportunity to defy the Government than any other class of people have got, and you see the consequence. No rebel who ever took up arms should have been allowed to vote at all. Do you allow penitentiary convicts to vote in the State of New-York?

But I shall not discuss what ought to have been. Everybody has tried to avoid that. Let us see what is done. I agree with you perfectly when you say Congress gave the rebels, in voting on their Constitution, every possible opportunity to defeat it. By counting every vote not given for a measure, as given against it, you arrive at the extraordinary fact that every sick and absent voter has voted against it. Nay, you arrive at the marvelous result that the dead have voted against it; for, between the day of registering and the day of voting, somebody has died. It has heretofore been supposed impossible for human power to raise the dead, but here is a law which has *quoad hoc* done it. The man who drew that law must be a man of genius. The law should have been exactly reversed. Silent votes must be presumed in favor of any measure. Suppose, then, (which I think is yet doubtful,) that those silent votes have defeated the Alabama Constitution, what should be the verdict on that? Simply that it is a clear and guilty fraud. It was intended as such and it is nothing else. If Congress really desire to admit, or, as it is fashionably termed, reconstruct the rebel States, this fraud should not be allowed to succeed. It is so palpably a fraud that it does the friends of the rebel cause in the North no small mischief. A trick in a matter of business is not popular with the American people. Many men, who might sympathize with the Southern whites on the negro question, start back disgusted when they see the same old leaven, rebellion, malignant and treacherous, at work to destroy any hope of real reunion. Everybody knows that the Southern States need not have had negro suffrage, if they had not rejected the first liberal offer of Congress. Negro suffrage is a thing of their own creation, just as secession and the war were. Now what have they done and are doing with that? I tell you, Mr. TIMES, that when I consider the manner in which these miserable Conservative rebels have treated the negroes in Alabama, and the attitude the Government has allowed them to assume in it, I am filled with indignation. If this is to be a "white man's government," let it be in some other hands than theirs. If they had the manliness and the Christian character to have assumed their true position toward the negroes—that of just but yet superior powers—they would have had at least one-third the negroes on their side. They failed utterly in moral character and courage, as they have done during the whole period of slavery, and will do while a remnant of the heathen and barbaric idea of Southern slavery remains.

I thank you for copying into the TIMES the graphic and just account of negro voting in Alabama, credited to the Cincinnati *Commercial*. What do you see in that picture? Why, there, poor, friendless, in many cases very ignorant, negroes, (and yet knowing the very essence of the matter in hand,) coming up in rain, and starvation threatened meanly by those who employed them—coming up to vote—what for? For some advantage? "No," said Sam. "I expect nodding, sah! but to work hard and to be knocked off when I'se sick;" and, he might have added, to be knocked off if he votes. Why, then, do they come in this storm and obloquy to vote? Because they are hungry for voting, as the just man is for righteousness. I cannot help respecting this feeling. It is a manly, noble, aspiring, generous feeling, and the white man of the South who does not respect it is unworthy the sympathy or compassion of any intelligent American.

I confess that Gen. GRANT and the negroes have risen in my estimation. The former because he shows that he cannot be used as a tool of that infamous conspiracy to prevent reconstruction because of negro suffrage. That conspiracy now stands naked before the public, and I am glad to know (what I thought all the while was true) that GRANT has done all in his power to thwart the measures of the conspirators. I respect the negro more because he has shown in a most remarkable manner a capacity for self-government. He has refused to be made a party to a war of races, and yet most firmly, but quietly and humbly, exercised his right to vote. He has already set a better example of clear-seeing and honest purpose than do thousands of your voters in New-York. Now let me say I think the sky is fast clearing. God is above us, and He lets the wicked fall into their own pit. I say again, 1868 will clear away the errors of 1867, and leave our firmament bright and beautiful.

A VETERAN OBSERVER.

AFFAIRS IN UTAH.

Literary Activity Among the Mormons—Magazines and Newspapers Flourishing—Lively Election in Salt Lake City—Phonotypy at the Deseret University.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SALT LAKE CITY, Monday, Feb. 10, 1868.

This is dated from "Salt Lake City," for that is now the legal name of what was "Great Salt Lake City."

Notwithstanding the continued dulness of the times, and the also continued lack of cash, literary matters appear to be looking up and renewing their life and vigor in this Territory. The publication of the Deseret *News*, daily, has stirred up the *Telegraph*, the latter paper now giving regularly one and a-half to two columns more matter than it had been wont to do.

The Utah *Magazine* has arrived at the fifth weekly number. The pages are half the size of those of the Deseret *News*—twelve of them devoted to literary matter, three to advertisements, and one to title. Of the ordinary reading, nine or ten are filled with reprints of novels, humorous and other selections, and poetry. The original matter consists of essays, "Notes by our Hired Man," answers to correspondents, &c. E. L. T. HARRISON, editor and publisher. If the *Magazine* can successfully weather such adverse times as the present, its prosperity may be assured.

Next comes the *Dixie Times*, a small four-page weekly newspaper, edited and published by JOSEPH E. JOHNSON, at St. George, about 350 miles south of this city, commenced last month, and promised for a year, pay or not pay. Mr. JOHNSON formerly was known in the frontier newspaper business at Wood River, and thence eastward to the Missouri River. Later he edited and published for about a year the *Farmer's Oracle*, a four-leaved small agricultural paper—a semi-monthly—at Spring Lake Villa, next county south of this. The *Oracle* was not a success financially.

"Morgan's Commercial College," in this city, has just commenced the publication of the *College Review*, a diminutive four-page weekly, for the amusement, I presume, of the students.

There is also published here occasionally another Lilliputian four-pager, of the comic class, entitled the *Keepapitchinin*.

Besides these, there are in many of the settlements manuscript papers and magazines, generally two to four pages of letter or foolscap.

These, with the *Juvenile Instructor*, semi-monthly; the *Deseret News*, daily, semi-weekly and weekly; and the *Telegraph*, daily and semi-weekly, constitute the whole array of Utah journalism.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

To-day the election for municipal officers came off. DANIEL H. WELLS was reelected Mayor. Alderman CLINTON, well known for years by most visitors to this city in his magisterial capacity, goes out. One of the five names for Aldermen—LE GRAND YOUNG, nephew of BRIGHAM YOUNG—on the "People's ticket" was awfully "scored." For that position he is evidently very unpopular. Bishop E. D. WOOLLEY was substituted. WOOLLEY won by a more than two-thirds majority. It was the most lively election had for years. Usually elections here are "all on one side," and that side indicated by the "People's ticket," printed in the *Deseret News* and the *Telegraph*.

In the late election for municipal officers for Provo, fifty miles south of this, Mr. ABRAHAM O. SMOOT was elected Mayor. Mr. SMOOT was formerly Mayor of this city. Messrs. E. F. SEBERTS and WILFORD WOODRUFF, two well-known residents of this city, were elected Aldermen of Provo, evidently to infuse fresh blood and spirit into that city council.

The Legislature goes quietly along, doing nothing of startling interest.

THE DESERET UNIVERSITY.

Several weeks ago the "Regents of the Deseret University" voted to adopt PITMAN'S phonotypic characters for educational purposes. Lately they have reconsidered the matter, rescinded that vote, and voted to adopt the "Deseret Alphabet," which is a mixture of all other alphabets, and, it is professed, has two special advantages over all others than PITMAN'S, and one over that—the written and printed character are the same, and each letter represents one, and only one, sound. The alphabet must have been improved since it was publicly printed, for then it had not this last characteristic. An appropriation of $10,000 for University purposes was recently asked of the Legislature; whether or not any of it was for phonotypic expenses was not stated.

AMUSEMENTS.

The theatrical season closes this month. The company is running now with its own talent alone, Mr. STARK, now in California, being the last "star." The *Deseret News* claims that the chief difference between the amateurs here and the professionals who may come here is, fresh faces and variety, and consequently that the home company ought to "draw" as well without as with the addition of "stars," an opinion which will not meet with many advocates, but which the *News* is entirely welcome to enjoy.

CHICAGO.

Popular Feeling in Regard to Impeachment—State Politics—The Season of Fires.

Correspondence of the New-York Times:

CHICAGO, Monday, Feb. 24, 1868.

The receipt of the intelligence from Washington has created no little excitement here, though it is not of a demonstrative kind. On the question of impeachment, the public sentiment of the West has heretofore been rather Conservative. But now I hear but one opinion expressed by loyal men, and that is, that Mr. JOHNSON has forced upon Congress the necessity of vindicating the laws of the land by proceeding against him under the forms prescribed by the Constitution. The President has done what STEVENS and BOUTWELL have failed to do. He has created an almost unanimous sentiment in favor of impeachment among the loyal part of the community.

The Democrats had what they called a mass meeting, on Saturday evening. It was a small gathering; but the leaders were there, and, with the fatuity that has marked their course ever since they entered upon the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, they espouse every bad cause, and, consequently, uphold the President in his violation of law, and pandering to the interests of the rebels, generally. The speakers waxed eloquent about "Liberty" and "Constitution," and all that. Everything that tends to reconstruction on a loyal basis, seems to meet their opposition; and everything that will give power, and place and influence to traitors, is applauded. They seem to be blinded to the best interests of the country, and oppose every measure calculated to promote them, because the "Radicals" are in power. One of the speakers, Dr. N. S. DAVIS, is the same who, during the darkest hours of the rebellion, rejoiced, in a public speech, that the "malaria and the bullets of the South were so depleting the ranks of LINCOLN'S hirelings, that the tyrants at Washington would be unable much longer to carry on the unholy war." His treason is of the same stripe now that it was then.

There is considerable canvassing going forward for candidates for Governor and Lieut.-Governor on the Republican ticket. Several of the most prominent men of the State, Gen. LOGAN, Gen. PALMER, &c., have already signified their intentions not to accept a nomination. Others have been named in different localities. Among them are Speaker CORWIN, of Lassalle County, Gen. BRAYMAN, of Springfield, Lieut.-Gov. BROSS, of Chicago, Gen. FULLER, of Boone, C. J. HULL, Esq., of Chicago, Senator ADAMS, of Winnebago, and others. The Northern part of the State has not had a Governor—with the exception of Gov. MATTESON—since the organization as a State. The centre and the South have monopolized that office, and nearly all others of importance.

Preparations are making by the Committee of Arrangements, for the Republican National Convention. It is proposed to secure the Opera House for the occasion. It is probable, however, that the idea that Gen. GRANT'S nomination is a foregone conclusion, will lessen the interest and thus prevent a very large attendance. There will not be much curiosity to see the delegates go through the form of ratifying a nomination already made.

The Democrats are endeavoring to put some life into their party, but as yet have not met with much success. I suppose they will reserve their efforts until after the session of their National Convention.

We have not much local news of importance. The fire era is not over yet, and the losses last week reached nearly $200,000. We have been favored with sundry lecturers of celebrity, but they have failed to create much sensation. A convention of woolgrowers was held in this city last week, and resolved, among other things, to have an "Exposition" here, and appointed a committee to get it up. The Convention was pretty largely attended, and the discussions evinced much ability. They demanded protection, especially against Canada wools. Business is still dull, with the exception of speculation in real estate, which is brisk. The unsettled condition of affairs at Washington creates distrust and want of confidence, and thus hinders the resumption of trade among others, thirty gentlemen worth a million dollars each.

There is a great revival of business throughout the South, consequent upon the advance in cotton.

Hon. DAVID A. WELLS is named as a suitable person to be placed at the head of the Statistical Bureau.

A building has been purchased in Cleveland, Ohio, for $25,000, for a Hebrew Orphan Asylum.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

STREET CLEANING.

Mayor Hoffman's Views on the Subject—His Dissatisfaction with Contractor Whiting—Powerless Condition of the Authorities to Provide a Remedy.

A few days since a large number of downtown merchants forwarded a petition to Mayor HOFFMANN, asking relief from the disgraceful state of the streets, and particularly with reference to the accumulations of ice and snow. The Mayor, in reply, has sent the following communication:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 24, 1868.

GENTLEMEN: I have your communication of the 21st inst., complaining of the condition of the streets "down town," asking me to use my influence to secure the removal of the accumulated ice and snow, and suggesting also the propriety of having an ordinance passed requiring this to be done every year.

I am well aware of the condition of the streets, and the great inconvenience to which business men are subjected, but I have no authority by law to expend a single dollar in an effort even to correct the evils.

In accordance *with the requirements of law*, as you are doubtless well aware, a contract has been made for cleaning the streets, for a little less than $500,000 a year, and JAMES B. WHITING, Esq., is the present contractor. I have always believed, and still do believe, that the contract was the best one in its general requirements that could be made, in view of the limited amount authorized by the Legislature to be paid for the work; and if the contractor should observe and fulfill the spirit, as well as the letter of it, a very fair condition of the streets would be secured. The contract, however, does not require the contractor to remove the snow and ice from the streets. Even if it were possible to do it, no sane man would, I think, undertake it, in addition to the ordinary and usual cleaning and sweeping for $500,000 a year.

The contractor is called upon to sweep the streets at certain intervals, unless prevented by ice and snow; to keep them conveniently passable for vehicles in Winter, and to keep all culverts open, and crosswalks clean. He insists upon it that he complies with these requirements, as far as the unusual severity of the Winter permits, and that he does all that is possible for him to do, the elements being against him. He is a man of wealth and respectability, and has been and is a strong champion of municipal reform. If such a man will not carry out in good faith a contract to clean the streets, it will, I think, be difficult to find one who will. I am not satisfied with his conduct. I think he intends to make all the money he can by his contract, and that he shows very little zeal in performing it. But the Street-cleaning Commission, composed of the Mayor, Comptroller, Recorder, Corporation Counsel and President of the Board of Health, feel compelled to do the best they can, and have not felt authorized to say that he has so far omitted to perform it as to justify them in canceling it. *If they did cancel it they would have no power under any existing law to make another, and the whole work of cleaning streets and removing ashes and garbage would of necessity be stopped altogether.*

But beyond all this, permit me to say, that it is simply impracticable to remove the snow and ice from the streets of New-York. There is no place to which it could be removed, even if there were horses and carts in New-York and Brooklyn together sufficient for the work. A great deal, however, could be done to relieve the city from its present difficulties if I had the power to order the work to be done, and to pay the bills. But I have not nor has any department of the City Government any such power, and the passage of such an ordinance as you suggest would not confer it.

In conclusion, I have only to say that it is the duty of every citizen to keep his sidewalk and the gutter in front of his house free and clear of snow and ice. This, I am sorry to say, is a duty greatly neglected. Every man should attend to it at once. If this is done, the culverts being kept open by the contractor, the first thaw will soon clear our streets of snow and ice, and that once done, the contractor will be required to place an extra force at work to thoroughly cleanse the City.

We must all do the best we can, in view of the inclemencies of the season and the difficulties of the situation.

Very respectfully,

JOHN T. HOFFMAN.

Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen met at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, President COMAN in the Chair.

A resolution was adopted to pave West-street, from Battery-place to Chambers-street, and amended so that the property owners should pay one-half of the expense and the city the other half.

A resolution was adopted to pave Lexington-avenue from Fifty-seventh to Sixty-sixth-street Fifty-seventh-street from Third to Sixth-avenue, Fifty-sixth-street from Eighth to Ninth-avenue, Sixtieth-street from Lexington-avenue to Fifth-avenue, and Fifty-third street from Fourth to Sixth-avenue, with Belgian pavement.

A resolution was adopted directing the contractor to pay J. WINTERBOTTOM the sum of $474 70 for expenses incurred on the occasion of the funeral of the late Councilman JAMES LONG.

A resolution was adopted to pave Fifty-third-street from Second-avenue to East River with Belgian pavement.

The Board then adjourned.

Board of Councilmen.

This Board met at 2 P. M. yesterday, Mr. STACOM in the Chair.

The following communication was received from the Mayor:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 25, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Councilmen:

GENTLEMEN: I return without my approval a resolution to pave Seventh-avenue, from Fourteenth-street to Fifty-ninth-street, with wooden pavement, known as the Stafford pavement, adopted by your Honorable Body Feb. 18, 1868, and concurred in by the Honorable the Board of Aldermen Feb. 18, 1868. Whatever may be the merits of the pavement, (and I am not disposed to deny that it has merits,) it is new, untried and expensive, and, as I have already said in regard to the Nicholson pavement, I say of this—it should not be laid against the wishes of a majority of the property owners, who are to be assessed for the expense of it. I find a petition on file asking for the passage of this resolution, signed by owners and occupants of about 129 lots on Seventh-avenue, and 76 lots on intersecting streets. How many of those are occupants only, and not owners, I cannot tell. I have received remonstrances, in writing, from the owners of 214 lots on Seventh-avenue, and 116 lots on the intersecting streets, and they object earnestly to the laying of a wooden pavement as proposed. In view of these remonstrances it is impossible for me to give the resolution my approval. JOHN T. HOFFMAN, Mayor.

The communication was laid over, and the Board then adjourned to Saturday next, at noon.

Board of Audit.

A meeting of the Board was held yesterday, Messrs. MARTINDALE, BONNEY and STUART presiding.

Dr. LEWIS A. SAYRE, formerly resident physician, submitted a claim of $500 for expenses incurred in visiting Washington, Albany and other places, in relation to the establishment of quarantine in 1864-5.

A resolution of the Commissioners of Health was exhibited, authorizing the claimant to perform the service on which the claim is based.

The Board expressed some doubt as to whether there was any law that would justify the Board in saddling the City with these expenses. After considerable discussion on this point, it was finally agreed that Mr. MORTON, the claimant's counsel, should prepare a brief for the Board on this point. Dr. SAYRE, in testifying to the merits of his claim, assured the Board that through his individual exertions the cholera was prevented from reaching our shores in 1864, and he claimed that his idea of fencing the cholera in and preventing its spread beyond certain limits, (which he said was an entirely original idea,) was proved on that occasion to be correct, and was afterward confirmed by the action taken, in imitation of his example, by the Commissioners at Constantinople.

No other claims being ready, the Board adjourned till to-day at noon.

Internal Revenue Affairs—Dismissal of Inspectors—The Cotton Seizures.

The long anticipated and dreaded orders from Washington decreasing the force of inspectors in this City were received yesterday. The recipients, twenty-six in number, were each favored with a notice that on account of a contemplated reduction of the expenses of the department, it had been decided to dispense with their services. The notices applied mostly to those employed by the late Metropolitan Revenue Board, and by special agent Gen. HILLYER. Hereafter the duties of Inspector will be performed by men selected by the several Collectors.

The case of the Government against the Old Dominion Steamship Company with reference to the collection of the tax on cotton brought into this port, on this steamer, was to have come up in the United States District Court yesterday, but in consequence of some misunderstanding in the premises, the proceedings were postponed till a future day. It is understood that the Company have offered to compromise the claims of Government by paying a certain sum as a fine or penalty, which offer, it is thought, will be accepted. Some of the inland steamship companies refuse to recognize the authority of Collector SHOOK to interfere between them and the Customs officials. Special Agent CORNWALL is engaged in collecting evidence and statistics bearing on the subject, and doubtless some decisive action will be taken within a few days.

Nothing new has transpired relating to the seizure of the distillery in Avenue A, by direction of Collector BAILEY, Sunday night. Yesterday warrants were issued for the arrest of some of the parties who opposed the efforts of Collector BAILEY'S men to obtain possession of the premises; but it seems they were not executed. It is not unlikely that the whole matter will be referred to Deputy Commissioner HARLAND to-day or to-morrow for his decision.

POLICE COURTS.

THE TOMBS—HOGAN, Justice.

LARCENY OF TEA.

WILLIAM RUSSELL and THOMAS GUNNING stole a chest of tea valued at $40 from in front of the store No. 161 Pearl-street, occupied by LUDLOW A. BATTERSHALL. Sergeant CARR, of the Fourth Precinct, saw GUNNING with the tea on his shoulder, and rightly supposing it to be stolen property, he arrested the fellow. RUSSELL saw the arrest made and ran off, but was subsequently arrested himself, as he called upon the owner of the tea and offered to tell where the missing tea was if he was paid $5 and a promise given to withdraw the charge against the accused. Both men were arraigned before the magistrate and held for trial.

ESSEX MARKET—MANSFIELD, Justice.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

GEORGE NEAL, of the steamer *A. S. Parker*, states that a few days ago, while the steamer was lying at Hunter's Point, he hung his coat, in the pocket of which was a wallet containing $120, in the cabin, and returning in a few minutes, discovered that the money had been stolen. WILLIAM GOLDEN, the cook of the steamer, was missed about the same time, and being subsequently found in New-York, was arrested on suspicion, when he confessed his guilt and yesterday was committed for trial.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

THE ARION VOCAL SOCIETY.—The Arion Vocal Society held its fourth carnival of the season last evening at the Germania Assembly Rooms. As on previous occasions, the walls of the room were covered with caricatures hitting off the political prominences of the hour. No dignitary, however high in office, escapes the satirical brush of the Arions. Presidents are paraded with most uncomfortable surroundings, and Secretaries of War placed in most painful opposition. Even Aldermen, however immaculate they may be as compared with other men, have the little weaknesses they do possess paraded upon canvas to tickle these law-abiding, lager-loving, loud-lunged, light-heeled followers of Momus. The carnival of last evening being the last of the season, was the jolliest of the four; the rooms were crowded with the fooleapers, members and their friends, and becomingly-dressed ladies. From 9 o'clock until 12 was devoted to social enjoyment, to which the rare juices and rich odors of the grapes of Rhineland lent spirit and bouquet. During this time irresistibly comic burlesques were enacted, and the Arions, in these songs, sustained their reputation as vocalists. At midnight the hall was cleared for the dance, which was kept up till daylight danced in through the windows.

PROPOSED REMOVAL OF REMAINS.—The consistory of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, under authority from the Metropolitan Board of Health, intend removing the bodies interred in their cemetery, bounded by Houston, Forsyth and Eldridge streets, to Cypress Hill Cemetery. Persons having friends interred in the cemetery can remove the bodies by applying to the Treasurer. The consistory have secured ground at Cypress Hill, where the bodies not removed by friends will be buried. In all cases where they can be identified by headstones or plates, they will be placed in separate graves and properly marked, so that friends can reclaim them at any time. The work of removal will begin about the middle of March.

THE TYNG TRIAL.—A plausible rumor, but one that lacks confirmation, has it that a decision has been rendered by the Ecclesiastical Court in the case of Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, Jr., and that a copy thereof has been sent to the respondent in the case and to the Bishop. It is believed that Mr. TYNG has been found guilty of a violation of the canon, but that the punishment awarded is as light as possible, consistent with the discipline of the Church; the object not being to punish Mr. TYNG, but to show an example by which such acts may be avoided in future.

ARRIVALS IN THE CITY.—Hon. Oliver Ames, of North Easton; W. F. Strong, of the Chicago *Times*; L. Devlin, of the Indianapolis *Journal*, and Hon. J. B. Alley, of Boston, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Hon. T. H. Woods, of Albany; Hon S. K. Williams, of Newark, and Gen. Tower, U. S. A., are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Gen. Benham, U. S. A., is at the Everett House. Gen. Davis, of Fort Hamilton, and C. O. Rogers, of the Boston *Journal*, are at the Westminster Hotel. Senator J. R. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, is at the Astor House.

THE MURDERED CONDUCTOR.—The employes of the Seventh-avenue Railroad Company have generously subscribed the sum of $230, which Mr. JAMES MCCABE handed over yesterday to Mrs. LAVELLE, the wife of the car conductor who was murdered by the unknown assassin on the night of the 10th inst. We understand that a subscription for the relief of the unfortunate man's family is also being made up by the employes of the Third-avenue Company, and it is believed some of the other lines will do likewise.

A CASE OF DESTITUTION.—About 11 o'clock Wednesday night a girl named MARY SMITH, 15 years of age, went to the Sixth Precinct Station-house and applied for lodgings. Upon questioning her, Capt. JOURDAN learned that she had fled from her parents in Newburgh, N. Y., on account of ill-treatment, and had come to this city in search of employment, but finding none, had been obliged by fatigue and hunger to apply at the Station-house for food and lodging. She is detained for the present.

THE ELEVATED RAILWAY.—The half-mile track of the elevated railway in Greenwich-street is rapidly approaching completion. All the upright pillars are fixed in their places, and men are now employed in adjusting the cross-beams and laying the rails. The cars, engines and other machinery connected with the running gear are manufactured, and ready to be brought into service. It is thought that in about two weeks the public will have an opportunity of testing the merits claimed for this railway.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—There was sold at private sale by WM. KENNELLY, broker, No. 14 Pine-street, yesterday, sixteen lots, eight of which are on the west side of Second-avenue, between Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth streets, and four lots adjoining on each street, for $91,250. The seller was BRYAN LAWRENCE, and the purchasers, Messrs. KOEHLER BROTHERS, the extensive distillers.

THE P. H. KEENAN ASSOCIATION.—This evening, at Irving Hall, this Association—formed in compliment to the popular Coroner—give their first annual ball. From the arrangements made by the Committee of Management, we have no doubt it will be one of the most *recherché* affairs of the season. The music will be furnished by GRAFULLA, and the General Committee in charge of Deputy Sheriff RYAN.

THE AHERN AND SWEETSER CASE.—The case of CHARLES H. SWEETSER, held by Recorder HACKETT on the complaint of S. J. AHERN, in the *Evening Gazette* case, was not examined by the Grand Jury this month. It is expected that the case will come up next month.

THE ELIZABETH-STREET SUICIDE.—The unknown man, who shot himself in Elizabeth-street on Wednesday, as already reported, died yesterday at the New-York Hospital. Coroner FLYNN will hold an inquest to-day. The deceased appears to be wholly unknown.

FENTON CAMPAIGN CLUB.—The Executive Committee of the Fenton Campaign Club met last evening at the St. Nicholas Hotel and transacted, in private session, some preliminary business of importance only

cations she used, she could not avoid the collision, the conclusion is irresistible that her speed was not that moderate speed in a fog which is required by the well settled rules of navigation.

There must be a decree for the libelants, with a reference to a Commissioner to ascertain and report the damages caused by the collision.

Daniel D. Lord, for the libelants; Edgar S. Van Winkle for the claimants.

THE SHERRY CASE.

Before Judge Blatchford.

The following testimony was given in this case yesterday:

John Marshall, cross-examined by Mr. Webster: Went with Simons & Co. fifteen months after leaving; was shipping clerk, book-keeper or anything that I was asked to do; was with Simons & Co. in 1861 or 1862; was with Polah Bros. in 1866 for six or seven months; was superintendent of shipping while with this firm; I done the work of shipping clerk, tended to Custom-house work, and gave bonds on my own account as security at Custom-house; had money, and acted as principal on these bonds; when I was in business for myself I sold sherry and other wines; bought Gordon's sherry, but mostly cheap blended wines; bought Gordon's wine as it came from Spain; did not buy that of others; paid £80 a butt for the sherry I bought from Gordon; this was the Cadiz price; bottled it and exported it to Canada; bought it and paid for it myself; knew just where I was going to sell it; went with the Brighton Hotel Company in May, 1864, and left that same Fall; left on account of change of the wine merchant; received fifty-four guineas as recompense for commission; also received £25 to leave; I received a small salary and commission, and decline to state the amount of salary; large wine-cellars were attached to the store at the Brighton Hotel; I was the only salesman at the establishment; I did not receive the money that was paid to the cashier of the hotel; nothing less than one dozen was sold at a time; the directors fixed the prices in London; I do not think that the sales would average twenty dozens per month; I ordered the wine when it was needed by ascertaining how much was wanted; I sent the order then to the Board of Directors at London; I had nothing to do with the purchasing it; I received £100 per year, and a commission of 2½ per cent. on sale; after leaving this company, I bought wines on Market-street, and of brokers, for private gentlemen; I bought at times as high as six butts of sherry; private gentlemen speculate in wines; I carried samples, and received orders to purchase; was book-keeper of the East India Dock Company for a time; never bought any wine free on board at Cadiz; first saw sherry wine of this brand similar to the wine here, at Boston last June; first saw the wine in New-York last January; it was of Mr. Miln's importation; I tested them from samples, by myself, in my room at my hotel; this wine I call a stout, clean, good, sound wine, with not much flavor; low class wines never have more than from 18 to 19 per cent. of pure spirit, double proof; I think this wine five or six years old; I have never been in Spain, nor saw Lacare & Echicopar's wines; 80 cents net is the value of this wine in Cadiz; I was employed by Gibbs to come here in September, 1866, as an expert in all kinds of wine; I was employed by the Government and Spanish and French merchants; I was told to go abroad and get prices and did so, but not in regard to sherry; I did not get prices to stimulate my judgment, for that I knew without it from my experience; all the experience I have ever had was with these houses I mention, except what I learned from brokers; strangers would not get the price current from certain wine-houses unless they were in the trade; they knew I was in the trade because I sold them I was; any man might do the same; I did not endeavor to get prices lower than the price-current indicated; very little difference would be made for purchasing in large quantities; Tozer's wine is about the nearest wine in London market to this here; this is a thinner wine than that of Tozen's; I can value this wine within £1 per butt; I compared this wine with other similar grades of low sherry; I compared this with Alberic's at £26 or £24 wine; £20 per butt would be with discount; seventy-three per gallon United States money; I examined the crown sherry here last month; I compared it with wine marked "S" with balance; this wine was thinner; the Alberue wine was good sherry well fermented; I took the valuation of the wine marked S with balance; the valuation room; I do not decide upon the correct valuation of the wine marked S with balance; I think I have valued it within £1 per butt; the wine I used as standard was sent from Cadiz expressly for the London market; I do not know that there is any difference between wine made up for London market and that for any other market; I never knew such wine as this to be sold for less than £20 per butt; there are price currents issued by certain houses that are taken as authority; the *Wine Trade Review* is merely information gained from auction rooms, and liable to be incorrect; I only know four *Wine Trade Reviews*, prices and lists that are authority in London; I know nothing of the cost of this wine or how it is prepared; I am engaged by the Government by the day, including Sunday, up to the first of May; I decline stating my salary.

Redirect—In valuing of the manufacture of wine or its fermentation, or the processes of nature concerning it; I have studied chemistry, but not in that way, at school; I compared the wines with the wines at London, and as I see them I value them just as I have said; the knowledge of quantities of spirits is to a tester, the evidence of low grade or wines; I test wines from taste gained by long experience; when I was engaged I understood it was for the Treasury Department.

Cross-examined—Low grades of Cadiz wines are called low sherry and high grades good sherry in London market; I have seen Mr. Henshaw's samples; he has no sample of the wine marked S with balance.

Edmund S. Henshaw, recalled and examined by Mr. Stoughton—I have samples; I cannot remember them particularly; I tasted all these wines Duff Gordon's 3 in a diamond and a P; £28 is the price of that on the card; Garvey's A in a diamond, £28; Arve's three triangles in a row, £26; Stenecker's single diamond, V. V. P. underneath, £27; these are all the wines I have compared with this wine; otherwise my judgment has been formed from my capabilities of taste from long experience; I have remnants of the samples left. The witness objected to bringing samples in court, and referred to Mr. Evarts, who said it should be done if Court so decided. The Judge directed the samples to be brought into Court to-morrow.

John Marshall, examined by Mr. Evarts—2 in A I valued at £39, and P in A at £44; I appraised the low sherries at £23, which, I consider, as a fair valuation of the wines; wine at £38 per butt would be $1 38 per gallon, United States money; wine at £44 per butt would be $1 65 per gallon, United States money.

Cross-examined by Mr. Webster—I compared the P in A 1 wine with Peter Domiq Alberic B. S. P. £38 wine; P in A 2 with Gonzales & Byas No. 1 B. P. £40; also, great B. P., £46; Arbies, £36; also with the P in A 1; I have these four samples, which are all I have, (excepting a cheap sample, £18 wine,) and are at my hotel; was directed to produce them to-morrow; the P in A 1 and 2 I should judge to be about eight years old; I date from make up, they would increase 6 per cent. a year, with no distinction as to grades; this improvement on crown sherry lasts about five years; I do not know the date of my samples.

The Government here introduced a permit to certify the identity of the wines now in the Custom-house.

Considerable time was here occupied by the counsel for the Government in looking up letters covering a correspondence with Smith & Co. and Lacare & Echicopar, when ready to be introduced; they were objected to by Mr. Webster as irrelevant to the issue, to know what rates L. & E. can export wine to them.) Answer—Have to send wine through agents for Southern market; that you can get them at same rate as we could sell them for. To establish the fact Mr. Marshall was then recalled, and testified further as to the wine which he compared, and was directed to produce his samples into court.

The Government then offered to introduce a correspondence between Lacare & Echicopar and houses in the United States, the latter inquiring as to the importation of wines from the house in Cadiz, and Lacare & Echicopar answering that the wines could be bought from their agents in New-York City at the same rate as they could be imported from Cadiz, namely: $1 10 in gold, per gallon; the letters objected to by the claimants, but were admitted by the Court.

Another letter from Lecare & Echicopar to Geo. M. Barnard, of Boston, containing an invoice, was also put in evidence by the Government. The letter spoke of one cask in the invoice as being fine Manzanilla, worth $60, which was sent as a present, but in the invoice no difference was made between that cask and the others.

The Government then called upon the defendants to produce a letter written to Lacare and Echicopar by Mr. Miln, their agent here, which Mr. Evarts stated had been taken out of Mr. Miln's letter-book, which was in court. The letter was not produced, and Mr. Evarts, in order to give evidence of its contents, called

Alexander Hauscombe, who testified: I am clerk in the Custom-house, my business being to examine books in seizure cases; I know of the matter and seizure in question; I have examined the books; I identify the letter-book; I copied letters and extracts from it; this letter in question was in the letter-book, and I copied it; when I returned the book to Mr. Miln the page with the letter on and the index page of the letter to Echicopar was torn out of the book; now it is not; I returned the book to Mr. Miln personally; I remember distinctly that the page of the letter-book in question was in the book, on account of the leaf being about one-third torn off; I used the index when I copied the letters.

The Court here examined the book and noted for the witness, by saying that it was a leaf and not a page gone as stated, one page numbered 26 and one unnumbered; the letter was on the unnumbered page.

Witness—This is the correct copy of all of the letter that was in the book. As I before said about one-third of the page was torn off and missing.

The Judge said, by examination I have found that four pages are gone instead of two pages as I first supposed. The letter that was on the other page was to a London firm.

Witness—I copied only such parts of the letters as related to wines.

Cross-examined—I have no particular duty in the Custom-house; I am in the seizure department; do as I am ordered; I had a brother in the department also; I have been in the Custom-house since October, 1866; I had nothing to do with this seizure; I do not remember distinctly when I first saw the books; I think it was in October last; I do not know who brought to the office the box containing the books; it was opened; I, as well as others, took books from the box as we needed them; other books and papers of other firms under seizure were in the same room; my brother, who was then chief of the department, ordered me to copy the letters; I have no interest, nor to my knowledge, has my brother in this seizure; I did not copy all of the letter in question, for what reason I do not know; I had possession of the books from October to December; could not say distinctly whether Mr. Miller inquired for his books and was told that copies were being made or not; Mr. Farwell was in the habit of coming to the room occasionally; had nothing to do with the Custom-house, to my knowledge; I do not think he had anything to do with the seizure of the wines, no more than he knew it.

Mr. Evarts then offered to read the copy to the jury.

Mr. Stoughton submitted to the Court that this copy was garbled and incomplete, and it might be that the very part of the letter which had purposely been left out would materially alter the tone of the letter, and that in any case where only a part of the letter had been copied it could not be brought forward as secondary evidence to prove the contents.

The witness said that the book which he had in his hand was only a reference-book, containing a memorandum only of the letters, and that in this case, as in others, he only copied the part relating to wine.

Mr. Evarts argued that witness had no reason to copy any more of this letter than of others, and he only did, as in other, copy the parts relating to wine; that he was not responsible for not remembering the whole of the letter, but was entitled to state the contents to the best of his knowledge as secondary evidence.

Without deciding the question, the Court adjourned.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—PART III.—

FEB. 27.

Before Judge Balcolm and a Jury.

LOSS OF GOODS ON A VOYAGE—ACTION AGAINST A CHARTERER OF A VESSEL.

Jacob R. Tysen et al. vs. George H. Moore et al.—This case presents some important principles of law, though the amount of money involved is not very great. The facts are briefly as follows: In November, 1864, a charter party contract was entered into at San Francisco, between the defendants and the Captain of the ship *Grace Darling*, whereby the defendants agreed to freight the ship from San Francisco to the port of New-York; the Captain as agent for the owners of the vessel agreeing to receive the sum of $12,500 in full for charter money. The plaintiffs were wine merchants in this City, having a branch house in San Francisco. They shipped by the *Grace Darling* a number of casks of wine-brandy. When the vessel arrived at this port one of the casks was found to be empty. When shipped at San Francisco it contained 125 gallons, worth here $7 per gallon. For this amount the plaintiffs asked judgment, claiming that the defendants were common carriers, and as such insurers for the safe delivery of the goods at this port.

The defence claimed that the owners of the vessel and not the defendants (if there was any liability) should be held responsible for the loss. On this point counsel argued at great length, and cited numerous authorities in the Admiralty, and other courts, to sustain his position. Another point made was that no negligence or want of care had been shown, and the Court should, on the evidence, dismiss the complaint. There was some testimony given tending to show that the cask in question was emptied in consequence of a chock which was laid over it to sustain an upper tier of casks, having been thrust through a stave by the working of the vessel during the voyage.

The Court, in charging the jury, held the action to have been properly brought against the defendants. They were the carriers of the liquor in question. The contract required them to deliver it in good order. They did not do it, and the only question for them was this: Was the cask properly constructed for such a voyage? Was the timber sound and properly put together? If so, the plaintiffs must recover.

The jury, after a brief absence, returned a verdict for $1,018 for plaintiff, which was the full amount claimed. The defendants propose to appeal to the General Term.

LEASEHOLD PROPERTY—WHEN DOES A TENANT'S OWNERSHIP OF BUILDINGS ERECTED BY HIM CEASE?

Charles Laughran vs. William S. Ross.—The plaintiff claimed $3,000 from the defendant for the removal of two buildings which the defendant had sold to the plaintiff. From the evidence it appeared that the defendant, being the owner of two vacant lots on the Seventh-avenue, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth streets, leased them for sixteen years, and during that time the lessees erected the two buildings. When the term expired in May, 1865, new leases were executed to the lessees without reserving the right in them to remove the buildings.

The defendant sold the lots and the buildings by warranty deed, Jan. 11, 1866, to the plaintiff, and the lessees attorned to him from the time of his purchase until May. The tenants claiming to be the owners of the buildings, without the knowledge of the defendant, removed them.

The testimony being all in, the defendant's counsel moved for a non-suit upon the ground that no reservation for removal of the buildings having been made in the new leases, the defendant became and was the owner of them upon the expiration of the original leases, and was such owner in law when he conveyed the property to the plaintiff; and that the plaintiff's cause of action was against the tenants removing the buildings. And in support of this proposition 17 Abbott Reports, 360, and numerous other cases were cited by counsel.

Upon the other hand, counsel for plaintiff contended that the tenants were the owners of the buildings and they had a right to remove them during the running of the second leases, and the defendant was therefore liable for selling what he did not own.

Judge BALCOM in denying the motion stated that he had consulted with Judge INGRAHAM respecting the question involved, and that the motion must be granted with costs, and judgment was therefore ordered for the defendant.

Roe & Murdock for plaintiff; Alex. H. Beavey for defendant.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 27.

Before Judge Ingraham.

WHAT DEFENCES WILL BE STRICKEN OUT ON MOTION—QUESTION OF PRACTICE.

M. J. K. Ferris vs. Floyd Aspinwall et al.—This action is brought by a judgment creditor of the National Express and Transportation Company against some of the stockholders thereof for a balance of subscription due on stock alleged to be held by them so apply on certain judgments. The answer of the defendants contains six defences, in substance as follows: First—It is admit ed that it is a foreign corporation, created by the laws of Virginia for the purposes of express and transportation business, with a right to run and be located in this State. Second—That the corporation has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors of all of its property to three assignees, and that the assignees are entitled to the subscription and dues on the stock held by the defendants. Third —That by a decree of the Maryland court, one T. G. Pratt was appointed a receiver of all the property and debts of said Company. Fourth—That two of the assignees have assigned all the property and debts of said Company to said Pratt, who alone is entitled to sue therefor. Fifth—That there is a non-joinder of parties' defendant; that all other stockholders—without naming them—should have been defendants; and, Sixth—That said corporation and Pratt should be made parties, and that the action should be commenced on behalf of all the creditors against all the stockholders of the Company.

On this state of facts a motion was made to strike out the last five defences in the answer as being neither legal nor equitable defences, and as irrelevant and frivolous. The Court decided the motion as follows:

"The sixth defence may be objectionable, and should be stricken out. The others, I think, are not bad; at any rate, they are not frivolous. If they are defective, they should be so held on demurrer. The motion is granted as to the sixth defence and denied as to the others."

For the plaintiff R. S. Guernsey; for the defendants Burrill, Davison & Burrill.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—FEB. 27.

Before Judge Jones.

DIVORCE SUIT.

Francis Primeshaw vs. Annie Primeshaw.—Plaintiff in this case, a saloon-keeper in Broome-street, sues for a divorce from his wife on the ground of adultery committed with a boarder named Samuel Raphal, and others other persons during the year 1866. The answer of defendant denies the adultery on her part, and charges the same acts against the plaintiff. The case came up now on a motion by defendant's counsel to compel plaintiff to make his complaint more specific and definite as to persons, times and places.

The Court intimated that the complaint was sufficiently definite to answer the requirements of the law, as laid down in Hoffman's Chancery Practice, but said he would take the papers and reserve a decision. The parties to the action are both Germans.

Mr. Whitelege for plaintiff; Mr. Dunning for defendant.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TRIALS—

FEB. 27.

Before Judge Barrett.

In the suit of Arthur Gentil *vs.* Theodore G. Marcou *et al.*, (reported yesterday,) the Court to-day dismissed the complaint. The action was brought to set aside two chattel mortgages on the ground of fraud on the part of defendants in inducing the plaintiff to execute the mortgages to them. The Court said that from the testimony that had been developed on the trial, he was satisfied if it was a case of such fraud and dishonesty on both sides that it should not be entertained by a Court of Equity, and he would therefore dismiss the complaint and leave the parties to settle their rascalities between them as best they could.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Judge Curtis.

NON-JOINDER—SUIT AGAINST ONE OF TWO PARTNERS.

Moritz Meyer vs. William Desendorf.—This was an action for goods sold and delivered by the plaintiff, Meyer, to the defendant, Desendorf, to the amount of $698. The sale was proved, but it appeared that one A. H. Titcomb was a partner with Desendorf, and had not been made a party to the action. On this evidence Mr. Geo. R. Thompson, for the defendant, moved that the complaint be dismissed, and the motion, after hearing counsel for plaintiff, was granted. Complaint dismissed, with costs, and $25 allowed to the defendant. John E. Barry for the plaintiff, Geo. R. Thompson for the defendant.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Before Justice Ingraham.

The only prisoner arraigned for trial yesterday before the Court of Oyer and Terminer was a man named Patrick Welsh, a "laborer," accused of picking a pocket. The complainant was an aged resident of Locust Valley, in this State—by name James Hyde—and alleged that on the evening of the 12th inst., as he was endeavoring to enter a Second-avenue Railroad car, the prisoner pushed him violently against a youthful accomplice, at the same instant stealing his pocket-book, containing $117, with which he ran away. The thief was pursued rapidly by persons who had witnessed the operation, and was very soon captured. He pleaded guilty yesterday, and despite the tearful prayers of his wife, who was in the court-room, was sentenced to the State Prison for one year.

The Court afterward adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—FEB. 27.

By Judge Cardozo.

In the matter of the claim of E. H. Moheney, &c.: report confirmed. No costs.

Mills, executor, &c., vs. Rosengarden; defendant may serve his proposed amended answer, in five days, on payment of costs of the action to date, and $5 costs of this motion. If the terms are not complied with the motion is denied with $5 costs, &c.

By Judge Barnard.

Van Winkle vs. Sophia Feist; the default is set aside, and defendant can come in and defend, but not to set up usury or the statute of limitations.

John Mease et al. vs. Thomas Golwan, Jr., et al.; motion denied.

McDermot et al. vs. McDermot et al.; motion denied.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—FEB. 27.

By Judge Jones.

Geo. W. Holt vs. Jas. M. Bird; motion granted and receiver appointed.

Henry Hienes vs. Jno. Green; motion granted.

Hercules O'Connor vs. S. H. Benoist; motion granted.

Jas. A. Bartlett vs. James O'Brien, Sheriff; motion denied without costs.

H. M. Stewart vs. S. H. Ball; motion denied with $10 costs.

E. F. Bishop vs. N. C. Bishop; motion granted on terms.

Joseph Tyler vs. The New-Amsterdam Fire Insurance Company; motion granted.

L. C. Austin et al. vs. L. L. Morgan et al.; judgment settled.

Arthur G. Mender vs. Adolph Pearl; motion granted.

Daniel Kenny vs. Geo. Hoffman; motion granted.

Chas. H. Smith vs. Timothy J. Coe; motion granted.

Israel Stoneman vs. A. C. Cohen; complaint dismissed with costs and $10 costs of this motion.

J. N. Collins vs. Fred. W. Coggill; motion granted with $10 costs.

James Fisk vs. Jno. F. Tracy; motion granted.

H. F. Benedict vs. D. Benedict; motion granted.

Augustus Lieberg vs. John W. Miller; motion granted.

Rodoriques vs. Lorenzo; the surety, Richard Bliss, is discovered; (papers with the Court.)

Michon vs. Grox; on the 25th of February, a proceeding in this matter was dismissed. I am apprehensive it was this same proceeding, and that in the copy papers served, the date of the day for which the motion was noticed was erroneously inserted as the 25th. Under the circumstances, unless satisfactory explanation can be given, the matter must be renoticed. (Papers with the Court.)

COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Before Justices Kelly and Dowling.

Yesterday there were thirty cases awaiting adjudication, and, none of them being of any great importance, or presenting any donutful questions of fact or law, they were all disposed of before the hour usage has established for the adjournment of the Court.

THE BATTLE OF THE WIVES.

Ann Fitzsimmons, with her apparel flowing in untrammeled lines about her person, and her hair in most picturesque disorder, came to the witness-stand to prefer a charge of assault and battery against George Butler. Before even the nimbleness of Mr. Johnston, the clerk of the Court, could administer the customary oath, she began to pour out the story of her wrongs into the open ears of justice: "Is on the broad of me back he knocked me out the door me own room, an' on a bayin there helpless as a baby, is to his wife he says, 'Mary,' says he, 'nows your chance.'" The counsel for the prisoner insinuating by means of questions that she had pounded at Butler's door and had been fighting with Mrs. Butler, the indignant response came: "Is no man's or woman's door can be broke in and me in bed of me own or woman did ever I strikie since I knew me own name." Notwithstanding this assertion, however, counsel unchivalrously introduced witnesses who testified that a battle had long been raging between Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Butler, when Butler made his appearance, and it was the latter did was to snatch from Mrs. Fitzsimmons a heavy stick with which she was about to strike his wife, whereupon Butler was acquitted.

AN UNRELIABLE DOCTOR.

Rudolph Werboldt was called to answer a charge of cruelty to animals in turning his sick horse into the street. When the officer found the horse he was lying on the ice uncovered, and Werboldt being asked why he had turned him out, replied that the horse doctor had told him the horse wouldn't live more than fifteen minutes, and he was afraid he could not get the beast out of the stable after he was dead. The officer, however, made Werboldt cover the horse, and after a few minutes assisted the animal to his feet, when the perverse beast cast a shadow upon the reputation of his physician by not only not dying within the prescribed fifteen minutes, but refusing to die at all. Counsel for the prisoner skirmished with small force around the case, insisting that the doctor's opinion was his client's protection, but the Court, saying the case was an aggravated one, found the prisoner guilty and fined him $20.

A QUESTION OF OFFICIAL POLITENESS.

Abner S. Brady, treasurer of a United States bonded warehouse, and ornamented with such magnificent Dundrerian whiskers that they called forth the ire of the counsel for the defence, who constantly referred to him as "the man with the whiskers," preferred a charge of assault and battery against George Logan. It appeared that Logan is a truckman in the employ of John McDonald, and on Friday, between 12 and 1 o'clock, in company with several other truckmen, went to the warehouse with loads consigned to McDonald, waiting at the delay of his trucks, went to the warehouse, where, at a little before 1 o'clock, Brady appeared, and a conversation ensued between them in relation to the warehouse being closed, more remarkable for force than elegance. Brady claimed that the printed rules required him to close the place at 12 o'clock, which Mr. McDonald denied, and without coming to any satisfactory solution of the vexed question McDonald went away, whereupon Logan took up the cause of his chief and brought matters to a conclusion by giving Brady a blow in the face as he sat at his desk. Counsel for the prisoner claimed that Brady had been insolent in his manner toward McDonald and his men, demanded an acquittal apparently on the ground that public officials are required to be polite and agreeable to their masters, the people. Justice Kelly, declining however to enter on the consideration of the point, found that Logan had committed the assault, and fined him $20.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER,

and very black feather, types of the pure African not often seen in this ungenerous latitude, appeared as prosecutor and prisoner. John Taylor, encased in a huge pair of boots that admirably impeded his propulsing powers, waddled to the witness stand to tell how William Brown had come "sneakin' abowd dar on skuner whar I is and done stole my totner par of boots dat I'd left in de foukistle"—giving to the word "forcastle" a peculiar twist that made it particularly unintelligible. Brown being asked where the boots were, said the man "done got 'em," and then explaining "the mate of de brig whar I is steward," whereupon, singularly enough, he was told to go and get them and give them back to Taylor, and the two Africans went away, both seemingly rather bewildered by the course of justice.

REVISITING FAMILIAR SCENES.

John Farrell, whose outward man gave evidence that he would probably have been of some use in the world had he labored at something else than a rum-bottle, was arraigned upon a charge of beating Elizabeth Davison. The testimony adduced proved the assault clearly enough, and the memory of the Justice, which is so often detrimental to the prisoner at the bar, recalling the fact that Farrell had been before required to do the State some service on Blackwell's Island, he was sent back for a further residence of six months.

BROOKLYN COURT OF SESSIONS—FEB. 27.

Before Judge Troy, and Justices Hoyt and Voorhees.

THE KENNEDY CASE.

The jury in the case of The People *vs.* R. M. Kennedy, came into court this morning, and stated that they were unable to agree. Ten were for acquittal and two for conviction. The prisoner was arraigned on a charge of having administered an overdose of morphine—two grains, (not two *ounces*, as was inadvertently stated yesterday,) to a Mrs. Webster, residing in Sixteenth-street, Gowanus. Judge TROY said he regretted that the jury had not agreed, and ordered their discharge.

LARCENY.

Charles Conroy was indicted for having stolen some tools and boards, value $23, the property of James H. Gill. The evidence for the prosecution was to the effect that on the 25th of August last, the prisoner called at Gill's residence in Dean-street, near Vanderbilt, and asked for work, which was refused. Conroy was next seen going to an adjoining church where the prosecuting witness was employed, but then absent. On the following morning when Gill went to work, he found some of his tools and planks missing, and suspecting the prisoner to be the party who had stolen them, had his house searched, and some of the goods were found in it and the adjoining yard. The defence was that Conroy purchased the alleged stolen property from a strange man whom he had never seen before; and several witnesses testified to the same effect. The jury, after a short absence, returned into court with a verdict of "Not Guilty."

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A WOMAN.

The People vs. J. O'Neill.—The prisoner was indicted for having, on the morning of Sunday, the 11th of August last, assaulted his wife. Mrs. O'Neill swore that her husband and she had innumerable disputes on various matters, and neither of them had lived a very peaceable life up to a year since, when there was a mutual separation. On the morning of Sunday, after a few sharp words between them, she complained that he struck her violently on the head, severely injuring her. The assault was denied on the other side, and two sons of the prisoner swore that on the day of the alleged occurrence he was in their company, and could not possibly have struck his wife without their knowledge. The Judge charged that the jury should find their verdict according to the belief to be placed on the evidence of the witnesses on either side. The jury found a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

The People vs. James Shaw.—The prisoner was arraigned on a charge of having on the 4th of May last stolen a rowboat, value $50, the property of Michael Powers. The only witness examined was Powers, who swore that some time during the past year his boat had been lying at the Atlantic Dock. This was not her regular mooring place, but as she had been stolen before frequently he removed her to the dock for safety. About the time mentioned in the indictment he saw defendant take away his boat, and though desired to bring it back, he refused to do so, and even threatened him. He (prisoner) would throw witness out of the boat if he caught him in. Some few days afterward he found the boat moored as usual at the dock; but was so annoyed at her being repeatedly taken away that he sold her at a great sacrifice—only $24. Mr. Bernard Hughes, for the prisoner, asked for a dismissal; and Judge TROY charged that the prosecuting witness made out no case. To constitute the offence of larceny, it should have been proved that the boat was feloniously stolen or carried away with a view to deprive he owner permanently of the property. In accordance with the Judge's directions, the jury found the prisoner not guilty. He was discharged.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Motions and Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—PART I.

Held by Ingraham, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Oyer and Terminer—no civil calendar.

Part II.—Adjourned for the term.

Part III.—Held by Balcom, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Short Causes.

Nos.		Nos.	
3136—	Finlay, Jr., vs. Bininger et al.	3785—	Fullerton vs. Monell et al.
4018—	Hutchinson et al. vs. Levy.	3778—	Anthony et al. vs N. Y. and West India Mail Steam-packet Co.
4093—	Fischer et al. vs. The Place Sugar Refinery Co.	3801—	Farrish vs. Dengal.
4097—	Bufford et al. vs. Goddard.	3805—	Caverly et al. vs. Manhattan Barrel Co.
1706—	Haynes vs. Sause.	3818—	Olivett et al. vs. Cunningham.
2310—	Allen vs. Hull.	3842—	Cort vs. Clark et al.
2381—	Holmes vs. Donnelly.	3869—	Housmann vs. Van Praag et al.
2505—	Wilson et al. vs. Jerome.	3880—	Schmidt et al. vs. Goelitz.
2562—	Calton et al. vs. Lane et al.	3883—	Devoe et al. vs. Birch et al.
2683—	Cooks vs. Munger et al.	3942—	Chace vs. Cushing.
2777—	Garner vs. Deutsch et al.	3994—	Townshead vs. Liebgen.
3209—	Shears et al. vs. Bates et al.	3996—	Roach vs. Pormanski.
3044—	Wood et al. vs. Baker et al.	4042—	Miller et al. vs. Braun et al.
3176—	Ollivett et al. vs. Reed.	4003—	Hopkins vs. Mockler.
3226—	Milner vs. Knox.	4022—	Landolph vs. Place et al.
3235—	Blue et al. vs. Levy.	4045—	Vincent vs. N. Y. and Galena Lead Mining Co.
3:47—	Kerr vs. Churchill.	4066—	Bayley vs. Phelps.
3572—	Mussey vs. Coleman et al.	4075—	Gt. West. Ins. Co. vs. McCool et al.
3585—	Gonser et al. vs. All.	4077—	Howell et al. vs. Townsend et al.
3542—	Lee vs. Gregory et al.	4078—	Scoth vs. Berna.
3667—	Scribner vs. Elmer.	4091—	Cressy vs. Adams.
3691—	Sherman vs. Havens et al.	4098—	The Ninth Nat. Bk. of N. Y. vs. Levy et al.
3711—	Wolf et al. vs. Laforcade.		
3737—	Mills, Jr., ex'r vs. Rosengarden.		
3750—	Day vs. Mackay et al.		

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Call of Calendar at 12 M.

Reserved Cases.

Nos.		Nos.	
248—	Ford vs. Northrup.	257—	Waterhouse vs. Reade et al.
256—	Bell et al. vs. Reade et al.		

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Adjourned for the term.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.

Adjourned for the term.

Part II.—Held by Barrett, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M. Equity Cases.

Calendar unchanged.

MARINE COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Calendar unchanged.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—Feb 27, 1868.

$4,000	U. S. 6s. '81. C..	111	500	West. U. Tel.	35⅜
2,000	U. S. 6s. 5-20s. C. '62.	110¾	110	do.	35
5,000	do.	110¾	300	do.	35⅛
150,000	do.	110¾	200	do. 2d call	35⅜
17,000	U.S. 6s. 5-20s. C., '65.	108⅝	50	Del. & Hud. Ca.	147
14,500	do.	108⅝	100	Mariposa Min. Co.	7
10,000	U. S. 6s. 5-20. C., '64.	108	100	Pacific Mail.	111⅜
10,000	do.	107⅞	100	do.	111⅜
33,000	do.	107⅞	100	do.	111⅜
500	U. S. 5-20s. C. '65.....new	106⅜	200	do.	111⅜
2,000	do.	106⅜	100	do.	111⅜
1,000	U.S. 6s. 5-20, R. '67.....New Iss	107	100	do.	111⅜
1,000	U. S. 5-20s. C. '67 New Issue.....	107⅜	200	do.	111⅜
18,000	do	107⅜	100	do.	111⅜
2,200	Fr. Notes, 7 3-10s		200	do.	111⅜
	20 cents	104⅛	200	do.	111⅜
13,000	do.....3d Ser	106⅜	600	do.	111⅜
22,800	do.	106⅜	100	do.	111⅜
1,000	Tenn. 6s. new	61⅜	300	do.	111⅜
10,000	do.....b15	61⅜	200	do.	111⅜
20,000	do.	61⅜	200	do. 2d call	111⅜
1,000	Virginia 6s..c-c	42⅜	200	Clev. & Pitts R.	93
2,000	N. Car. 6s.....c-c	56	400	do.	93
25,000	do.	57	200	Erie R. Pf.	76⅛
1,000	N. C. S. 6s. new	56	200	Hud. Riv. R.	140
2,000	Ga. St. 6s.	69⅜	100	Reading R.	92⅜
1,000	Va. St. 6s. '66	61⅜	100	Mich. Cen. R.	112⅞
11,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s. '67	92⅜	100	M. S. & N. I. R.	91⅜
2,000	Erie 6th M.	94⅜	700	do.	90⅜
10,000	Erie 1st M. Ex.	91	100	do. 2d call	90⅜
1,000	Clev. & T. S. F. B.	102	200	do.	90⅜
5,000	P., Ft. W. & C. 2d.	101	150	Mil. Ga. R.	138⅜
1,000	N. Y. & N. H. R. 6s	94⅛	1300	Ulev. & Tol.	86⅜
3,000	Chi. R. I. & P. 2s	94⅛	600	do.	106⅜
3,000	do.	94⅜	200	do.	106⅜
1,000	Chic. & Mil. 1st.	89	100	Clev. P. & Ash.	105
3,000	do.	88⅜	100	Chic. & R. I.	91⅜
1,000	do.	88	100	do.	91⅝
1,000	Mich. S. S. F. B.	104⅜	200	do.	91⅝
20	Park Bank.	148	100	do.	91⅝
40	Fourth National.	104	100	M. & St. P. R.	91⅝
50	Merchants' Ex. Bk	110	100	do. 2d call	91⅝
14	Met. Bank.	117¼	100	do.	91⅝
1300	Canton Co.	61¾	100	do.	91⅝
200	do.	61¾	50	Del., L. & W.	114
200	do.	61¾	500	Tol., W. & W.	94
100	Bank S. of N. Y.	112	100	New-Jersey Cen. R	117⅜
200	Cum. Coal Pr.	34	650	do.	91⅝
10	Penn. Coal Co.	180	150	do.	91⅝
370	Central Coal Co.	45	100	do.	91⅝
300	Adams Ex.	73⅜	1000	O. & Miss. R.	30⅜
100	do.	73⅜	100	do.	30⅜
400	do.	74	100	Tol., W. & W. Pf.	70

SECOND BOARD.

$8,000	U. S. 6s. '81, C..	111	100	N. Y. Cen.	128
50,000	U. S. 6s. 5-20s. C. '62.	110¾	200	do.	127⅞
5,000	do.	110¾	1200	Erie R.	68⅜
5,000	U. S. 6s. 5-20s. R. '65.	107	100	do.	68⅜
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The London newspapers comment regretfully upon the departure of Minister ADAMS. The *Times* says Mr. ADAMS' successor could have no more gracious and easier task than the settlement of the citizenship question.

DISRAELI has gone to Osborne, where the Queen is now sojourning. A probability of the appointment of J. W. HUNT to the Chancellorship of the Exchequer is said to exist. It is believed that the appointment of Sir HUGH CAIRNS as Lord Chancellor will defeat all hopes of effecting a reform in the Irish Church. It is expected that Mr. WALPOLE will retire.

The Warwick and Sligo Assizes opened yesterday, and preparations were being made for the immediate trial of the Fenians. The Government will withdraw the writs against the Dublin processionists. The House of Lords have passed the bill renewing the suspension of the *habeas corpus* in Ireland.

The Bow-street magistrates decline to issue a warrant of arrest against Ex-Gov. EYRE, on charge of murder.

The new treaty between the North German Confederation and the United States in regard to the citizenship question, is made terminable at the end of ten years. The obligations are to apply reciprocally to Americans and to Germans, and all previous engagements in regard to extradition are renewed.

Admiral FARRAGUT is the guest of the City of Genoa. The Corporation have tendered him a grand banquet.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday, the bill permitting the Western Pacific Railroad Company to occupy, for a depot, &c., a portion of Goat Island, in the harbor of San Francisco, gave rise to a debate, Mr. SHERMAN opposing the measure, and the California members speaking in favor of it. The discussion was not concluded at the expiration of the morning hour, and the bill went over. The bill providing for the funding of the national debt was next taken up, and Mr. SHERMAN made a lengthy speech in its favor. A debate followed upon the bill directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cover into the Treasury certain moneys realized from the sale of captured and abandoned property. Without disposing of it the Senate adjourned.

In the House, Mr. BOUTWELL, from the Committee appointed to prepare articles for the impeachment of the President, offered a resolution, which was agreed to, asking consent for the Committee to submit a printed report. A resolution reported from the Committee on Commerce was agreed to, directing the Secretary of War to appoint a Board of Engineers to examine the wreck of the steamship *Scotland*, now lying at the entrance to New-York harbor, and to report whether it is an obstruction to navigation, and if so to submit estimates of the cost of her removal. After debate a bill was passed authorizing the New-Orleans and Ohio Railroad Company to build a bridge across the Ohio River at Paducah, Ky. A communication was received from the Postmaster-General, submitting the report of the Commissioners, and the plans of the proposed new Post-Office for New-York. The plans are approved by the Commissioners, the Postmaster-General and the Secretary of the Interior, and an appropriation of $3,542,930 asked to carry out the project. The Committee of the Whole took up the bill making appropriations for sundry civil expenses. Debate was revived on the amendment proposing to lay up the six revenue steam cutters on the lake, which was finally agreed to with the understanding that the matter should be decided by a special yea and nay vote in the House. The appropriations for completing public buildings in various localities were increased very much over the amounts recommended by the Committee on Appropriations, notwithstanding the vigorous opposition of Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois. The Speaker read to the House a letter from Police Superintendent KENNEDY, of New-York, to the Superintendent of Police of Washington, calling his attention to the fact that five cans of nitro glycerine, purchased in this City on a forged order, had mysteriously disappeared, and suggesting that it might be designed for a Guy Fawkes project in Washington. No action was taken on the letter, and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

The steamship *Eagle*, from Havana Feb. 23, arrived at New-York yesterday. By the courtesy of [illegible] J. F. HUERTAS, we are in receipt of our Mexican and West Indian correspondence and files. The Mexican news was unimportant. The movements of Gens. DIAZ and ESCOBEDO showed that their relations with the President were no longer as cordial as formerly. The obsequies of Gen. COMONFORT were celebrated at the capital on Feb. 10. There had been more fighting at Yucatan, but the rebellion was virtually at an end. The proceedings of Congress were of no moment. Our Havana correspondence gives particulars of wholesale executions which were taking place in that city. The news from Hayti sets forth that SALVAVE's troops had recently been defeated by the Cacos, and intelligence from all parts of the country indicated the probable and speedy downfall of the present President.

The proceedings in the State Senate yesterday were devoid of interest. In the Assembly Mr. JACOBS, on behalf of the Select Committee of Five appointed to examine into the alleged land frauds, and to ascertain whether any of the State officers are liable to impeachment, made a written report on the subject. The Committee report finding sufficient evidence against ROBERT C. DORN, Canal Commissioner, to warrant his impeachment for high crimes and misdemeanors, and conclude by introducing a resolution of impeachment. The report, together with an abstract of the testimony taken, was ordered printed.

WILLIAM LEVAN, a policeman in Reading, Penn., while assisting to secure a drunken man, was kicked by him in the abdomen, receiving injuries, from the effects of which he died in a short time.

A defalcation of $40,000 to $50,000 has been discovered in the North Providence Bank of Pawtucket. The cashier and one of the directors are understood to be involved.

The Iowa Democratic State Convention, which met an Des Moines on Thursday, declared GEORGE H. PENDLETON to be Iowa's first choice for the Presidency.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has sustained Gov. BULLOCK's message vetoing the bill repealing the State Constabulary law.

The case of the Blind Mechanics' Association *vs.* The Mayor, &c., was before the Supreme Court yesterday, on a motion to dissolve an injunction which has been obtained by the plaintiffs to prevent the completion of a sale by the City of the plaintiffs' premises in West Thirty-sixth-street. The decision of the Court was reserved.

At a meeting of the Union League Club last evening, resolutions were adopted expressing entire confidence in the course adopted by the House of Representatives in regard to the impeachment question. It was stated that the new Club House in Madison-square will be inaugurated on the 9th of April.

Last evening the fourth annual reunion of the O. E. Society took place in the lecture-room of the Bellevue Medical College. Addresses were delivered by EDWARD C. HARWOOD, M. D., President of the Society, and Prof. R. OGDEN DOREMUS, and numerous sentiments were given and responded to by the Faculty of the College and others.

The eighth annual commencement of the New-York Homeopathic Medical College took place at the hall of the Historical Society, last evening—HORACE WEBSTER, LL. D., presiding. Forty students graduated, and addresses were made by Rev. D. K. LEE, E. W. AVERY, M. D., and Prof. S. R. KIRBY, M. D.

At the Brooklyn Court of Sessions the jury, in the case of M. R. M. KENNEDY, druggist, failed to agree. He was charged with having caused the death of a Mrs. WEBSTER, Sixteenth-street, Gowanus, by administering to her an overdose of morphine—two grains.

The entire number of tenement-houses in the City is between 18,000 and 20,000. Since the 1st of January, over 1,000 notices have been served by the Superintendent of Buildings, calling for the erection of fire escapes. Of those, 900 have been raised or are in process of erection.

The Mayor, yesterday, sent to the Board of Councilmen a veto of the resolution to pave Seventh-avenue with the "Stafford" pavement, on the ground that the owners of property on the avenue do not desire to have the avenue so paved.

The Arion Vocal Society held their last car nival of the series of four, last evening, at the Germanic Assembly Rooms. The rooms were crowded, and as usual everybody enjoyed themselves tumultuously.

Business in most articles was on a retrenched scale yesterday. Prices of cotton were essentially unaltered; of flour and grain generally lower; provisions unsettled. The Rio coffee sale was a decided success. The freight market was dull, but steady.

The Indictment.

The House Impeachment Committee seems to be widening the basis on which Mr. JOHNSON is to be arraigned before the High Court of Impeachment. It has been perplexed, we are told, in regard to the charges that shall be preferred, and experiences difficulty in arriving at a conclusion that will preserve party unity, and secure beyond peradventure the object in view.

The vote of the House on Saturday last, directing, with extraordinary party unanimity, that Mr. JOHNSON "be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors," certainly did not indicate much embarrassment upon this head. The ground of the proceeding was specific. The Committee on Reconstruction reported the removal of Mr. STANTON and the *ad interim* appointment of LORENZO THOMAS as the case on which it rested its recommendation. Beyond this there was nothing. Some of the advocates of impeachment, in the debate which followed, enlarged the area of discussion, and strengthened their position by reiterating other and more general accusations against the President. But the single issue relied upon to sustain the proceeding was that which arose out of Mr. JOHNSON's confessed violation of the Tenure of Office act, and on this issue alone the House ordered impeachment. For this fact there were obvious reasons. On two previous occasions all the general charges arising out of the President's hostility to the Reconstruction law and his quarrel with Congress were brought under review and were declared insufficient as causes of impeachment. The different result now obtained grew out of a specific infraction of the law, necessitating—as it was held—specific measures in vindication of the law, and justifying a step that had been before considered inexpedient.

The Impeachment Committee, then, would seem to have before it a clear and simple duty. We cannot suppose that the House, after ordering impeachment for a specific cause, appointed a committee to hunt up excuses for impeachment and to arraign the President for all conceivable crimes known to the decalogue. All that the Committee could in reason be expected to do was to prepare articles predicated on the particular offence of which the House had distinctly taken cognizance. We can understand the anxiety of the Committee to make sure work of its task. Having after repeated efforts and grievous tribulation secured the arraignment of Mr. JOHNSON, the impeachers cannot afford to let him escape, if by any possibility conviction may be secured. And the Republican Party, having made the impeachers' cause its own, has naturally the same desire to avert a break-down, which would necessarily strengthen Mr. JOHNSON in the estimation of the country. Still, it is scarcely credible that the Reconstruction Committee recommended, or that the House sanctioned, impeachment for a proceeding on which the Committee appointed to draft the articles is afraid to trust the case. To assume this is to assume that the Reconstruction Committee recommended ignorantly or dishonestly, or that the Republican majority acted precipitately and unsafely. Yet on what other hypothesis are the alleged doubts and difficulties of the Impeachment Committee intelligible?

The House is at liberty, of course, to retract its former judgment as to the reasons originally assigned for impeachment. It may now declare to be impeachable acts which on two occasions it considered otherwise, and may thus engraft upon the indictment a series of charges in addition to that connected with Mr. STANTON's removal. Whether it do this or not, we may be quite certain that all the incidents connected with Mr. JOHNSON's quarrel with Congress entered into the minds of members when they voted on Saturday, and that they will as certainly be taken into account by Senators when judging of the degree of criminality which attaches to Mr. JOHNSON's act. To this extent, and in this manner, Mr. JOHNSON's whole course will not unreasonably enter into the case, and will either give color to the plea he has urged in mitigation or aggravate the guilt of his proceeding and destroy all claim to forbearance. What we maintain meanwhile is, that both the Committee's articles, and the action of the House in relation to them, shall be honest. False pretences will be out of place now. If the Stanton-Thomas case is the foundation of impeachment, let the articles be so framed that they shall secure a direct verdict on the points it involves. Other points will come in to strengthen Mr. JOHNSON's professions, or to show that they are a mere after-thought designed to avert punishment. But any attempt to load the articles of impeachment with general charges will lessen the force which has thus far been attached to the assigned cause of action, and will exhibit it in the light of a partisan pretext, entitled to none but partisan approval.

The Business Barometer.

The decline in the price of gold and the absence of excitement which distinguishes all branches of business are a significant commentary upon the gloomy prophecies in which Democratic friends of the President have indulged. They predicted disaster and panic. Gold was expected to take an upward bound, and confusion was spoken of as the certain fate of all trade and enterprise. Every evil incident to revolution was alleged to be in store for the country if Congress undertook to grapple decisively with the President. The wise men who sent forth these prophecies are probably as disgusted as they are surprised by the turn events have taken. Some of them, we fancy, scarcely believe the evidence of their eyes. For gold, instead of bouncing upward, has slightly declined, and to all appearance is more likely to go down than at any period within the last month. The speculators who looked for a rich harvest as the result of sensational dispatches, find themselves losers by the operation which they have incontinently abandoned. And business people of all classes and both parties pursue their way quietly and cheerfully, without fear or flurry, and with a feeling of wonderment at the noise which demagogues and newspapers are trying to make over an event which at the worst will be a change in the Presidency.

This absence of excitement is less the result of indifference than of an abiding faith in the integrity of the Senate and the ability of the Government to overcome more serious difficulties than any with which it is threatened. In some quarters, perhaps, there is an unwillingness to believe that Mr. JOHNSON will be convicted and removed. It is thought in these instances that the prosecution will fail, and that Mr. JOHNSON will be allowed to serve out his term. This seems to be the exceptional opinion, however, and has much less to do with the prevailing calmness and confidence than the reliance which prevails both as to the comparative moderation of the Senate and the absolute ability of the Government to endure all trials. The people have not lost confidence in the sufficiency of the Constitution for all the purposes of government, or in the rectitude of the Senate as a court organized for the performance of a solemn judicial duty. They feel that the fierceness of the partisan conflict will be expended in the House, and that when the case reaches the Senate, it will be proceeded with according to the law and the testimony. Beyond this, the people care little. For Mr. JOHNSON, personally or politically, they are not solicitors. All they ask is, that the office he fills shall be respected, and that proceedings affecting its occupant shall be conducted impartially, temperately and with the decorum pertaining to a court of justice.

It is because the country desires only justice, and because it believes that the Senate will not be a party to injustice, whatever the political consequences of its verdict, that the capitalists and traders of this City are content to pursue their course, without apprehensions as to the future, so far as it may be affected by impeachment. They want to have the quarrel settled fairly, and without unseemly haste; and if this be done, they will accept the result, leaving other issues to be determined hereafter at the polls.

The Pilotage Through Hell Gate.

For many years exclusive authority has been vested by the State laws in an association of forty-five men to pilot all vessels which navigate Long Island Sound through that rock-studded, current-swept and perilous reach of the East River, known as Hell Gate. The services of these pilots have long been inadequate to the wants of the increasing commerce of the port, and the monopoly which they have enjoyed in their business has imposed, and still imposes, a very heavy burden upon ship-owners and merchants, whose craft trade between New-York and the smaller ports along the Atlantic coast to the eastward. To remove this burden an application is at present pending in the Legislature, and there is no good reason why the relief which is demanded should not be granted.

Let us glance at the facts. The number of vessels usually requiring the services of the Hell-Gate pilots is generally four times as large as can be accommodated promptly. This circumstance constantly occasions a great waste of time, and often results in heavy loss to owners and consignees. The loss is not in the mere cost of pilotage. That in itself is trivial. The damage lies in compelling the vessels while waiting for a pilot to beat about the Sound above the Gate, or to lie at their docks below the Gate until they are fortunate enough to secure the services of one of these monopoly functionaries. Particularly does this damage accrue when the cargo happens to be of a perishable nature, as frequently is the case when destined to market for immediate consumption.

Yet these Hell-Gate pilots exact that all vessels, even those of the smallest tonnage, which generally are compelled to carry freight at the lowest margin beyond expenses, shall continue to wait their insufficient facilities for doing the work which is exclusively in their hands, without regard to the expenses of owners or the losses which tardiness entails. It often happens that to save his cargo a skipper will secure the aid of a towboat, but this is never done without paying, as well, the full amount of the pilotage fee, which the pilots are inexorable in demanding.

To make this oppression complete the magistracy of Queens County have lately countenanced the pilots in their monopoly by ordering the arrest of towboat owners and masters who presume to render aid in the manner designated. In a few instances the Queen's County magistrates, before whom all warrants of arrest for violating the Hell-Gate pilotage law are made returnable, have actually held merchants for trial, whose offence has simply been to send their own towboats after their own vessels lying pilot-bound at Hell Gate.

These evils can be redressed by a modification of the law which will authorize the use of steam in the pilot service. A small propeller is capable of towing speedily and safely twenty vessels a day up or down the three and a half miles of pilot ground at Hell Gate, while a pilot can take charge of only one at a time, even then being powerless to propel her or to fill her sails. It is plain, therefore, that these pilots on the Hell-Gate course are an institution of the past. They have accumulated wealth at the expense of the growing commerce of the port, and without the outlay of much capital beyond the price of two or three yawlboats. Their interests must give way to the increased demands of the service they were once able to perform, but now are utterly unable to meet. The towboat has superseded their antiquated style of operations, and the sooner the Legislature recognizes the fact the more advantageous it will be for the trade of New-York with the seaports of the New-England States.

The Mississippi Levees—"Land for the Landless."

It is much to be regretted that the Mississippi Levee question is allowed to come before Congress in a limited form, instead of being considered and acted upon as a question national in magnitude and importance, involving interests that throw mere local claims into the shade. Agents have arrived in Washington from the State of Mississippi seeking an appropriation for the levees of the Yazoo basin, which have the advantage of support from members of the Tennessee delegation. Mr. LOAN, of Missouri, has a bill before the House, nominally "to secure the lowlands of Arkansas and Missouri from inundation," but really to aid the Memphis and St. Louis Railroad Company, a part of whose project is the construction of a road-bed that shall also serve the purpose of a levee from the lowlands near Cape Girardeau to the mouth of the St. Francis River. Other measures are talked of equally fragmentary in their character, judging of them by the real needs of the work to be performed.

If the subject has any claim upon the attention of Congress, it is as a national necessity. The Mississippi levees never were what they should have been. Constructed without method, sometimes by voluntary associations, at other times through agencies organized by the State, they lacked system and completeness. Large expenditures produced no corresponding result because conducted without reference to any general plan. The error will be repeated if Congress sanction the local appeals which are addressed to it for assistance. If it help Arkansas and Missouri in one way, Mississippi in another, and Louisiana in a third way, the great defect of the old levees will be renewed and perpetuated. There will be no system, no harmony or thoroughness of plan, no adequate check upon the use of whatever aid may be rendered or upon the construction of whatever work may be undertaken.

These are not objections to Congressional action in the matter of the levees. We have from the first insisted that a clear duty exists to render large and sufficient assistance to the lower Mississippi States to construct a work which is essential to the renewal of their great industry, but which is at present wholly beyond their means. But the circumstances which make governmental aid necessary constitute an opportunity for the adoption of a comprehensive plan which would otherwise have been impracticable. Assistance is sought on the ground that the end to be attained concerns the whole country. Only on the broad principle which justifies the promotion by Federal legislation of great internal improvements can Congress feel itself at liberty to listen to the petitions from Mississippi and other States. It should therefore take care that instead of separate measures for promoting levee construction, some general scheme be devised, with the view of securing an economical administration of means supplied and an efficient engineering supervision over the entire line of levees. With a railroad company as the manager in one instance and a State Board in another, these guarantees will be unattainable. But both may be readily reached by the organization under governmental direction of a complete levee system and the concurrent action of Federal and State authority in respect of security and expenditure. For the first time we may then have a well-ordered system of levees instead of a succession of levees varying in inadequacy; while under proper management the responsibility incurred by the nation in connection with the enterprise will be more than covered by the impetus which will thus be given to the cultivation of those sections of the Southwest which are richest in natural resources.

To proceed satisfactorily, however, the nonsense about "land for the landless," on which Mr. LOAN evidently relies for the success of his bill, must be discarded. Its professed desire to succor "the landless" is one of the strong points on which his scheme depends for a guarantee to the amount of $20,000 per mile; and we observe the same phrase in frequent use whenever the question of help for the South obtains a hearing. It rarely comes with the directness of the resolution of the South Carolina Convention asking Congress to donate a million to purchase "lands for the landless," but in more qualified forms it is greatly in vogue. Even the levee question is encumbered with it. And proposals to reclaim from the waters the lands now useless are accompanied with provisions for facilitating their acquisition by the negroes. Anything more delusive or indefensible cannot be imagined. The Homestead law already furnishes all the facilities which "the landless" can require for the acquisition by honest labor of farms and homes. The blacks are as free as the whites to choose more than they can possibly cultivate from the public domain, of which the Southwest has an ample share, and the attempt to obtain appropriations for the purchase of lands, or to procure money guarantees under the pretence of benefiting "the landless," partakes too largely of demagogusm and plunder to be encouraged. On this continent, at any rate, all talk about this particular class as one deserving of special consideration is downright dishonesty. Land enough may be had by the negroes when they choose to cultivate it; and meanwhile we object decidedly to measures which make the mandlin philanthropy of the day a pretext for building speculative enterprises at the public cost. The reconstruction of the levees is a subject too large and important to be loaded down with the tricks of politicians. If taken up at all by Congress, it should be with exclusive reference to its own merits.

The New English Ministry.

The reconstruction of the English Cabinet, for some time foreseen as inevitable, has been accomplished in time for the Ministry to present a firm front toward their opponents at the opening of the session. Lord DERBY's old enemy, the gout, had of late assumed so dangerous a form in its constantly recurring attacks, that for a considerable portion of his time he had been utterly incapacitated from attending to the duties of office, while on one occasion last session it was at the risk of his life that he went down to the House of Lords to rectify a dangerous blunder made by one of his lieutenants. Always averse to taking office, he retained it from a conviction that his name was essential to the success of the party of which he had so long been the head, and which, nominally in an almost hopeless minority, had been forced into power by the divisions of its opponents and the incapacity of their leaders. But throughout the eventful session of last year it was manifest that, notwithstanding the rumors of Tory disaffection, so incessantly spread in quarters where the wish was father to the thought, that both Lord DERBY and the great Tory chieftains in general reposed the most absolute confidence in their representative in the Lower House; and that, even on so vital a question as that of Reform, Mr. DISRAELI was the real head of the Government. When three of the most influential members of the Cabinet seceded, adopting an attitude of bitter hostility to their former colleagues, and ruin seemed inevitable, Mr. DISRAELI was permitted to exercise his own unfettered discretion in the conduct of the battle, and he finally had the signal triumph of bringing his party into action, on ground chosen by his most dangerous opponent, without a deserter, and with scarcely an absentee. From that day it was clear, whatever might be said to the contrary, that, besides possessing unrivaled ability as a parliamentary leader, Mr. DISRAELI enjoyed the perfect confidence, not only of his chief, and of the select body of great Tory peers to whose friendship he owed many of his earlier opportunities in political life, but that also of the country barons and squires who formed the rank and file of his party.

It is no wonder, therefore, that Lord DERBY on retiring from office should have exercised the privilege conferred upon him by usage in such cases, by recommending Mr. DISRAELI to his Sovereign as his successor. Until recently, it was supposed that Lord STANLEY would most probably succeed his father; but as he is young, thoroughly at home in the Foreign Office, certain to obtain the Premiership at some future date, and bound to Mr. DISRAELI by the ties of close personal friendship as well as by those of party, he would probably be the first to acquiesce in the order of succession.

With regard to the *personnel* of the new Cabinet, it certainly gives the impression of very great strength. Sir STAFFORD NORTHCOTE, who is to succeed Mr. DISRAELI as Chancellor of the Exchequer, is a hardworking, clear headed and intelligent financier, if not a brilliant one, and England is a trifle distrustful of brilliant financiers. If it be true that Lord CRANBOURNE has let bygones be bygones, and has consented to take the India office, he will prove a tower of strength. The weight of the Anglo-Indian interest is daily increasing in English politics, and no Indian minister was ever more popular than was Lord CRANBOURNE during his brief tenure of office. Besides, he is a brilliant debater, and possesses in a high degree the happy faculty of always turning a defence into an attack, an invaluable quality in a Cabinet minister. Lord CAIRNS, who is to succeed the present occupant of the woolsack, is unquestionably the ablest lawyer in England, and certainly the only one capable of coping in debate on legal matters with the liberal ex-Lord Chancellor Lord WESTBURY. He was selected by Lord DERBY for office, ten years ago, from the mass of rising lawyers, and has since distinguished himself in every capacity he has been called upon to fill. He has hitherto been identified with the extreme Protestant party in Ireland, but is too much of a statesman to carry the animosities of partizan warfare into the higher sphere in which he is now called upon to act. For the rest, the Cabinet will probably remain unchanged. It is somewhat overburdened with Dukes, but within certain limits, Dukes have their advantages. Their social position enables them to successfully defy the departmental traditions and influences which in England, with a permanent civil service, tend often to neutralize or retard efficient action in the different branches of Government.

In any case, the reconstructed ministry will be sufficiently strong to give Mr. DISRAELI a fair chance. He has fought his way, step by step, in the face of defeat, ridicule, and bitter opposition, to the highest position in the British Empire, and seldom has an English statesman held the control of English destinies at a more critical moment. He is not the man to "rest and be thankful," like his superannuated rival, Lord RUSSELL, and for the first time for many years England has a Prime Minister who is at once closely *en rapport* with the heart of a great party in the country, and who yet entertains broad and vigorous political views. He may fail, but if he does, he will at least fail magnificently. Whatever happens, with DISRAELI at the head of affairs, a new and more stirring era of political life is dawning upon England.

MINOR TOPICS.

Congress had certainly the opportunity of getting paralized yesterday on hearing the letter from Superintendent KENNEDY, of this City, about nitro-glycerine. It appears that five cans, containing 165 pounds of this terrific substance, have been surreptitiously obtained from a dealer in this City, who now fears it was procured for a foul purpose. Mr. KENNEDY adds, it has disappeared from New-York, and, (says he,) if intended for mischief, it *is more likely for use in Washington* than elsewhere. He therefore sends the information to the Washington Police, that they may be on their guard. There may, we think, be a doubt about its being intended for present use in Washington, when it is observed that the dealer says he previously had several applications by unknown persons for the purchase of the article. But we will not argue on the matter until the Police give us further information about it. There will doubtless be all sorts of opinions among those who believe it is in Washington, whether it was intended for the destruction of the *White House* or the *Capitol*. We expect that when the secret is out it will be found that there is no ground of alarm about either.

Some of the papers are already informing us what Mr. BEN WADE's "policy" will be when he assumes the chair vacated by ANDREW JOHNSON. It is rather early yet for these announcements, and we trust that even Mr. WADE himself will give no hint on the subject until he is able to issue his first message from the White House. It will be remembered that on a memorable occasion last summer we got his views from his own lips on almost every conceivable subject. He believed in elevating the laboring classes, was a hard student of CÆSAR, was fond of NASBY, and had such a hatred for butter or grease that the sight of them almost turned his stomach. The reporter of his remarks added that "when enraged he will swear furiously, but is always ready to apologize or repair any wrong he may unintentionally do." Some of these points are in Mr. WADE's favor, and others he will doubtless correct before he gets into the White House.

It will be noticed that the authorities at Washington have approved of the new plan for a post-office in this City. Yesterday a communication on the subject from the Postmaster-General was sent to the House, in which he asked for the appropriation of the necessary funds. The whole structure is to be finished in the best and most substantial manner, and with materials and workmanship of the best quality, the carefully estimated cost of which by the Commission is $3,542,930, based on the prices current here in the Summer of 1867. We trust that Congress will lose no time in giving attention to this matter, so vital to the postal interests of the City and the country.

The Senate is getting some very good advice how to free itself entirely from party bias and party predilection in the trial of President JOHNSON, and come with judicial impartiality to the great work of impeachment. We trust they may take all this advice, and will hold them to account before the people for every violation of it. It would be very hard, however, for those who have not gone pretty deep into intellectual philosophy, as well as into judicial and legal records, to believe how difficult a thing the Senate sets about in attempting this. There is no doubt that the highest judicial bodies in the world are frequently influenced in their decisions upon purely legal points by political or party predilections or bias of their members; and we say this, too, without impugning in the least their moral rectitude of purpose. We heard this topic discussed some weeks ago (not in connection with the impeachment trial) by one of the most distinguished judges of the Court of Appeals of this State, and he took the view now set forth,—remarking that he had come to this conclusion from studying the opinions and decisions rendered by the highest Courts and most eminent judges of the State of New-York in its early days,—many of which were utterly inexplicable except on the idea that the judgment was warped by the partisan politics of the times. Let the Senate, however, furnish history a shining example of impartial justice.

The Southern press are somewhat perturbed at the possibility of a change in the Presidency from impeachment. Mr. JOHNSON is looked on as the particular friend of the South, as the defender of its constitutional rights, and as a man who has sacrificed all in its behalf. BEN. WADE is dreaded as a Radical who will "put the screws" on the South with all his might, and will reduce its crushed people to a still more miserable condition than they now occupy. These notions, however, as a practical fact, are based on a mistake. President JOHNSON during the past year has been powerless to do anything whatever in regard to the poltical condition of the South, and he will be equally helpless to the end of his term, even if he remain in office till then. The whole business of Reconstruction has been, is, and will be in the control of Congress; and we have no idea that Mr. WADE's accession to the Presidency would cause the Congressional policy to differ an iota from what it is and will be under JOHNSON.

With equal assurance, the Democrats and the Republicans are alike claiming that JOHNSON's impeachment will help their political prospects and assist them in the State elections now at hand, as well as the national election of next Autumn. Such talk as this is quite worthless. It is impossible to foresee the effect of the trial on public sentiment. That, in fact, will depend very much upon its course and developments. If the Senate appears to be influenced by party considerations or personal hostility; if the slightest injustice is done to the distinguished public functionary on trial; if things are strained in order to convict him, the Republican Party will be damaged beyond recovery by the trial. If, however, Mr. JOHNSON's accusers can make it appear that, with evil intent, he violated the law, and, having done so, attempted to proceed to other steps dangerous to the public peace, then the Democrats will certainly not be benefited by the action of the Republicans, in promptly impeaching. But we do not care about pursuing such profitless speculations. As already stated, the political influence of the trial will depend upon its course and developments.

Congress at least deserves credit for not following the hotheads who demanded the removal of the President from office during his trial under impeachment. When the bill for that purpose was introduced it seemed as though it might be run through under the influence of passion and excitement. WENDELL PHILLIPS peremptorily ordered its passage, and threatened all the "cowards" with his anger if they failed on this point. But, thus far, decency and reason have prevailed in the matter, after all.

A new paper has been started in St. Louis called the *Repudiator*, which will advocate (it says) the "repudiation of the so-called national debt, except that portion of it represented by legal-tender notes." We should judge from the State platforms recently set up in the West that it will find a large number of adherents in both parties in that section. We earnestly trust, however, that on the financial question, the Republican National Convention will take unmistakable ground in behalf of the public honor, faith and credit.

There are no people in the world who love reading more than our own—whether it be that of the journals, the reading-rooms or the libraries. And yet, whenever a holiday is announced all over the country, giving them an opportunity to gratify that propensity, the public libraries and reading-rooms are everywhere shut up. The librarians vanish, the janitors draw their bolts, and "holiday reigns in Warsaw." The trifling allowance of intellectual entertainment at present within reach of the people at large is totally cut off. We cannot believe that the enjoyment of our greatest and grandest anniversaries or festivals is inconsistent with the literary gratification of our hard-working men and boys—made idle for a day and not knowing what to do with themselves, for the most part. If the reading-rooms were open on holidays the rum saloons, &c., would have fewer customers. May we ever hope to see on the door of any library or reading-room the words: "Open every day in the year, especially on established holidays?"

One of the papers reports the discovery that President HARRISON died in one month after taking THOMAS EWING into his Cabinet, and President TAYLOR died in six months after Mr. EWING joined his councils. We should like to know if this is not really the Senate's ground for refusing to confirm President JOHNSON's nomination of Mr. EWING, and choosing the impeachment rather than the risk.

The *World* and the *Revolution* are vigorously discussing the "value of beauty," and the latter triumphantly asks the former "what are brains compared with beauty?" This hard question the *World* dodges, answering diplomatically. We would suggest to both disputants that some light might be thrown on this query by referring to a photograph which was lately taken of a portion of one of the Southern Conventions. A photographic artist having appeared at the door to secure the counterfeit presentment of "your honorable body," the Conservative members all retreated in alarm, and the balance were "taken." A copy of this picture might be of use in showing how "brains compare with beauty."

The distinguished traveler and scholar, E. G. SQUIER, made rather a striking statement the other night in his lecture on Peru when he gave his opinion that the day is not far distant when the Indians of the interior of Peru will assert and maintain their independence, and in some form restore, as they several times have very nearly succeeded in doing, the empire of the Incas, under one of the descendants of those wise and powerful sovereigns. Mr. SQUIER expressed his idea that this result would not be a misfortune either to Peru or the world. This may seem a very philosophical view of the case; but would the Spanish inhabitants of the adjacent countries permit such a consummation?

To judge from a report made by the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press*, Mr. BELMONT would seem to have been learning discourtesy from the Pennsylvania State Treasurer, who so grossly and needlessly insulted the ROTHSCHILDS through him a short time since. It is said that when the Democratic National Committee (of which Mr. BELMONT is Chairman) dined with Mr. JOHNSON on Saturday last, and some means of meeting impeachment was broached, Mr. BELMONT cut off all unpleasant discussion by intimating that they came there "to eat, and not to talk politics!" Not "important," even "if true," but significant of the political weakness of Mr. JOHNSON's position.

The Opening of Church-street.

The continued absence of a decision on the part of the Common Council as to the date of the opening of Church-street, remains a cause of anxiety and vexation to the property-holders interested; they are still in doubt whether to make arrangements to let or vacate their buildings.

As we understand the law the city is bound to pay the awards of damages four months after the date of confirmation of the opening. That time will expire on the 30th of April, and we learn that the collection of assessments for the improvement will be made in season to pay the awards when they become due. Under these circumstances the factious opposition of the Common Council can result in no possible good to themselves or their friends. Nothing is likely to come of their proposition to refer the whole matter to the Legislature. The progress already made in the courts will be a bar to legislation at Albany. It is, therefore, a shame that the interests of so many individuals in city property are left to suffer for any selfish ends on the part of those whose duty it is to act. We are assured that it is the earnest wish of the Mayor, and other leading city officials, to relieve property-owners from the dilemma in which, by the non-action of the Common Council, they find themselves placed.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

PIKE'S OPERA HOUSE.

"Crispino é la Comare" was played here last evening. It is a light opera, but seems to suit the people in heavy times, for, notwithstanding the snow-storm, the house was respectably attended. Was there ever a season like the present? On every opera night, when the wayfarer, like "Orient, slopes slowly to the West," it rages that way. If he turns eastward, it growls in that direction. Between the two extremes he has but one alternative—to go to b

TELEGRAMS.

Comments of the British Press Upon the Resignation of Mr. Adams.

Further Particulars in Regard to the Changes in the Ministry.

Details of the New Treaty Between North Germany and America.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

The Resignation of Minister Adams—Comments of the British Press in Regard to the Task of his Successor.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The *Daily News* of this morning has an editorial article on the resignation of the American Minister. "All England," the *News* says, "will lament the departure of CHAS. FRANCIS ADAMS."

The London *Times* says the American Minister who will succeed Mr. ADAMS could not have an easier or more gracious task than the settlement of the questions which have arisen concerning the rights of naturalized citizens.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Change in the Ministry—Rumored New Appointments—Expected Retirement of Mr. Walpole.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 27—Evening.

Mr. DISRAELI has gone to Osborne, where the Queen is now stopping.

It is expected that both Houses of Parliament will adjourn for a week to await the reconstruction of the Cabinet.

It is thought in some quarters that Mr. G. W. HUNT, now Under Secretary of the Treasury, will be appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer.

It is believed that the appointment of Sir HUGH CAIRNS as Lord Chancellor will defeat all hopes of effecting a reform in the Irish Church.

Sir WILLIAM PAGE WOOD, now Vice-Chancellor, will probably succeed Sir HUGH CAIRNS as Lord Justice of Appeal.

It is said that Mr. SPENCER H. WALPOLE will retire.

Preparations for Fenian Trials—Withdrawal of Suits Against the Dublin Processionists—Continued Suspension of the Habeas Corpus.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 27—Evening.

The Warwick Assizes opened to-day. Justice SMITH delivered a strong charge to the Grand Jury, in which he particularly specified the offences charged against BURKE and the other Fenian prisoners, and declared that "this was the proper Court for the trial of those men, the alleged offences having been committed in Birmingham."

The Assizes at Sligo opened to-day. The day for the trial of Gen. NAGLE has not yet been fixed. Mr. TRAIN was present at the commencement of the proceedings.

The Government authorities have determined to withdraw the remainder of the suits at law against those Irishmen who were indicted for walking in the mock funeral procession at Dublin recently.

The House of Lords has passed the bill renewing the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus* in Ireland.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Arrest Ex-Gov. Eyre on a Charge of Murder.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Bow-street Magistrates refuse to issue a warrant for the arrest of Mr. EYRE, Ex-Governor of Jamaica, on a charge of murder.

GERMANY AND AMERICA.

Particulars of the New Treaty between Both Countries.

BERLIN, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The obligations of the new treaty between the North German Confederation and the United States are to apply reciprocally to Germans and Americans. All the previous engagements between the two countries in regard to extradition are renewed. By one of its provisions the treaty is made terminable at the end of ten years.

ITALY.

Honors to Admiral Farragut in Genoa.

GENOA, Thursday, Feb. 27—Evening.

Admiral FARRAGUT has arrived here, and is received as the guest of the city.

To-day the Corporation of Genoa gave a grand banquet in honor of the Admiral. Over the principal table was the motto:

"America at the cradle of Columbus."

Besides the officers and members of the City Government, many of the nobility, the naval officers in a body, and all the principal citizens of Genoa, were present.

ST. DOMINGO.

Reception of President Baez—The Cholera.

HAVANA, Thursday, Feb. 27.

Advices from St. Domingo state that a commission has been sent to Curacoa to receive President BAEZ.

Up to the 19th of February there had been 160 deaths from cholera in St. Domingo.

MEXICO.

Personal Intelligence—Rumored Attempt to Assassinate Juarez—American Claims Said to be Ignored by the Government.

HAVANA, Thursday, Feb. 27.

Among the passengers on the steamship *Georgia*, which arrived here to-day from Vera Cruz, are Gen. STUART and suite, Col. PROUDFOOT, Commander of the American Legion in Mexico, and Mr. ALEXANDER, of the Vera Cruz and New-York Mail Steamship line.

The *Georgia* brings a rumor that a telegram was received in Vera Cruz stating that two Mexicans from Havana had made an attempt to assassinate President JUAREZ, and rob the Treasury. There was no opportunity of ascertaining what foundation there might be for this rumor before the steamer left Vera Cruz.

It is reported that the Mexican Treasury was buying in English and Spanish claims, but ignoring American demands, though these proceedings were against the will of ROMERO, who was powerless to prevent them.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The Virginia Convention.

RICHMOND, Va., Friday, Feb. 27.

The members of the Convention and a large audience were addressed in the capitol to-night by Gov. PIERPOINT, Judge RIVES and Hon. JOHN M. BOTTS.

Gov. PIERPOINT addressed them on universal suffrage and the advanced ideas of the Republican Party. He denounced the University of Virginia as the hot-bed from whence sprung the ideas that carried Virginia into the rebellion.

Judge RIVES advocated property and educational qualification for suffrage at some time in the future. He opposes the election of the petty offices of the State by the people. The State Conservative Convention was denounced as destructive instead of conservative.

Mr. BOTTS said if the President had been impeached a year ago there would be no necessity for a Convention now. He advocated disfranchisement, especially of the leaders of the secession movement.

The Mississippi Convention.

JACKSON, Miss., Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Mississippi Reconstruction Convention last night considered and adopted the tax ordinance as far as the fifteenth section; the balance was recommitted.

A resolution was adopted thanking Congress for impeaching the President.

To-day the bill of Rights was under consideration. Sections were adopted prohibiting dueling, defining treason against the State, and prohibiting property or educational qualifications for elections.

The tax ordinance was taken up and adopted as a whole, and a committee appointed to carry it to Gen. GILLEM.

The Georgia Convention.

ATLANTA, Ga., Thursday, Feb. 27.

It was resolved in the Georgia Reconstruction Convention, to-day, that the State Capital be removed from Milledgeville to Atlanta, by yeas 91, nays 30.

Hereafter the Convention will meet at 9:30 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 1 P. M., and hold an afternoon session from 3 to 6 o'clock.

An Anti-Relief Party was inaugurated last night by thirty delegates in caucus. It proposes to nominate a candidate for Governor; to ask all opposed to repudiation, whether in favor or not of ratification, to support its nominee, and to request Congress to reassemble the Convention with instructions to strike out the relief clause in the Constitution now forming.

The Louisiana Convention.

NEW-ORLEANS, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Convention to-day adopted the articles of the Constitution to number ninety-seven. When the disfranchising substitute for article ninety-eight came up it elicited a hot debate. The substitute was finally tabled by a vote of 36 to 33, a majority of the colored members opposing the disfranchising substitute.

A motion was made to expunge article ninety-eight, which defines the classes disfranchised in this State altogether. Pending debate on this motion the Convention adjourned.

The South Carolina Convention.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Convention to-day passed seventeen sections of the Judiciary article, providing that Judges be elected by the Legislature, and that the Equity, District and Probate Courts be abolished. The strong effort made in favor of the election of Judges by the people, failed.

A resolution was adopted tendering thanks of the loyal people of South Carolina to Congress, Gen. GRANT and Secretary STANTON. Some colored members opposed it.

The Committee of two colored delegates returned from Washington with information that the Republicans did not desire the election of colored Congressmen, and that the State be redivided into Congressional districts, with six representatives instead of four.

The Convention is now holding two sessions daily, and expect to finish their work by the 15th of March.

The North Carolina Convention.

RALEIGH, N. C., Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Convention met to-day, and adjourned at an early hour, to attend the Radical Nominating Convention in session in this city.

The Alabama Election—A Negro Murdered.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 27.

The returns from all the counties in which elections were held have been received, but their publication is still forbidden.

A negro man who was known to be opposed to the League, and used his influence to keep negroes from voting, was killed by a violent radical negro last Monday night, about twenty miles from this city.

The North Carolina Republican Nominating Convention.

RALEIGH, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Radical Nominating Convention met in this city to-day, and up to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon had made the following nominations: For Governor, W. W. HOLDEN, of Wake County. For Lieut.-Governor, TODD R. CALDWELL, of Burke County. For Secretary of State, H. J. MENINGER, of Ohio. For Public Treasurer, D. A. JENKINS, of Gaston County. For Auditor, HENDERSON ADAMS, of Davidson. For Superintendent of Public Works, C. L. HARRIS, of Wake County. For Superintendent of Public Instruction, Rev. S. S. ASHLEY, of Massachusetts. For Judges of the Supreme Court, R. M. PEARSON, the present Chief Justice; R. P. DICK, of Guilford; W. B. RODMAN, of Beaufort, and perhaps two more will be nominated. For Superior Court Judges, First Circuit, C. C. POOL, of Pasquatauk; Second Circuit, E. W. JONES, of Washington; Third Circuit, C. R. THOMAS, of Craven; Fourth Circuit, D. L. RUSSELL, Jr., of Brunswick; Fifth Circuit, R. P. BUXTON, of Cumberland, and seven others are to be nominated.

The following nominations were made by the district meetings held here: First Congressional District, JOHN R. FRENCH, of Washington City. It is said that he is not a citizen of this State. Second District, Col. DAVID HEATON, of Ohio; Fourth District, Col. J. T. DEWEESE, of Illinois. It is said that J. K. HARRIS, negro, was first nominated, but declined, giving as a reason that the Radicals in Congress did not wish negroes to be elected to that body.

Attempted Suicide of an Alleged Murderer in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Feb. 27.

PATRICK ROSS, who, some eight years ago, murdered a lady of rank in Ireland for property, and for whom the British Government offered £750 reward, was arrested and committed to jail in this city a few days ago. To-day he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a case-knife. He is in a critical condition and will probably die.

The Kentucky Republican State Convention met at Frankfort to-day. Delegates representing seventy-three counties were present. Resolutions were adopted in favor of Gen. GRANT for President, and Gen. SPEED, of Kentucky, for Vice-President.

Cold Weather on the Pacific Coast—Fire in Idaho.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Thursday, Feb. 27.

Late advices from the northern coast state that the navigation of the Columbia River is now open. This Winter has been the severest since 1843. At Camp Harney, during the month of January, the thermometer ranged from 12° to 28° below zero. Great numbers of horses, sheep and cattle are dying from disease.

The Orego Indians report the wreck of a vessel near Till-Amook Bay. Her name is unknown.

A fire occurred in Lewiston, Idaho, Feb. 2, which destroyed a row of buildings. A number of houses were demolished to prevent a spread of the fire.

Important Insurance Case in Louis.

St. LOUIS, Thursday, Feb. 27.

A very important insurance case is now progressing before the Circuit Court in this city, entitled MARSHALL and KILPATRICK *vs.* The Thames Insurance Company of Cincinnati, for $50,000, growing out of the burning of the steamer *Magnolia* here in 1866. The defence is that the boat was set on fire by or through the connivance of the owners. The case involves $180,000 insurance—$30,000 in Cincinnati Companies, $100,000 in St. Louis Companies, and $50,000 in foreign Companies represented here.

Meeting of the Constitutional Union Party in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 27.

A large Meeting of the Constitutional Union Party was held here this evening. Fiery speeches were made, one speaker remarking if impeachment was carried out, a revolution would follow, and they would ride up to their horses bridles in blood in the streets of this city. A resolution was passed appointing a committee of five to visit Washington to ask Congress not to proceed with impeachment, after a remark by the Chairman, a candidate for the Mayoralty, that the resolution would be ridiculed everywhere.

Kansas Delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Kansas Democratic State Convention met at Topeka yesterday afternoon. Gen. MEADE was chosen President. About half the State was represented. The following were elected delegates to the National Convention: Messrs. Wilson, Shannon, J. Shays, Gen. A. J. Meade, Geo. W. Glick, F. Fenton, and Gen. C. W. Blair.

The Lower House of the Kansas Legislature have passed resolutions indorsing the action of Congress on the impeachment question.

Drowning Accident and Murder at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Thursday, Feb. 27.

An unknown stranger fell off the *Paragon* at her wharf last night and was drowned.

The cook of the *Great Republic* struck a colored stevedore in the head with an axe this morning, fatally wounding him. The cook escaped to the Arkansas shore in a skiff.

Murder of a Policeman at Reading, Pa.

READING, Pa., Thursday, Feb. 27.

WILLIAM LEVAN, a member of the night Police force of this City, while assisting another officer this afternoon to secure a vagabond Irishman, who with two others had been arrested for drunkenness and fighting, and was being conveyed to the lock-up, received a violent kick from the man in the abdomen, from the effects of which he expired a short time afterward. Officer LEVAN was over sixty years of age, and leaves a large family.

Minnesota Democratic State Convention.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Democratic Convention to-day was largely attended, and nominated for Presidential Electors W. W. PHELPS, C. H. LINEAN, Judge CHATFIELD and M. LUTHER. Delegates to the National Convention: J. J. Green, Judge McMahon, George C. Snow, Judge Chatfield, W. A. Gorman, W. Young, F. W. Sheetny and Isaac Staples.

Resolutions similar to those adopted at the Ohio Convention, with the exception that no preference was manifested for the candidate, were passed.

Iowa Democratic State Convention.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Democratic State Convention of Iowa, for the appointment of delegates to the National Convention, met at DesMoines, yesterday. It was the largest Convention ever held in that State. Resolutions were adopted declaring GEORGE H. PENDLETON the first choice of the Democracy of Iowa for the Presidency, and instructing the delegation to vote as a unit.

Respect to the Memory of Gen. McCall.

HARRISBURG, Penn., Thursday, Feb. 27.

Ex-Gov. CURTIN, President of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps Association, has issued a request to the officers and men of that Corps, and those of other organizations of the volunteer service to meet at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on Saturday next, to pay a fitting testimonial of respect to the memory of Major-Gen. MCCALL, recently deceased.

Fatal Accident on a Massachusetts Railroad.

WORCESTER, Mass., Thursday, Feb. 27.

HENRY JOHNSON, a driver on the Millbury branch of the Boston and Albany Railroad, caught his foot in a switch at Milbury Station, about noon to-day, and the car passed over him, killing him instantly.

Gov. Bullock's Veto of the Bill Repealing the State Constabulary Law Sustained.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The validity of Gov. BULLOCK'S veto of the bill repealing the State Constabulary law has been affirmed by the Massachusetts Supreme Court, to which it was referred.

Laboratory Burned in Cincinnati—Loss $50,000.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The large laboratory of GORDON BROTHERS, on Calvert-street, was consumed by fire last night. The loss is $50,000, the insurance $20,000; mostly in Cincinnati companies. The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

Fire in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 27.

This morning a four-story brick dwelling of E. WILSON, No. 306, on Thirteenth-street, was burned out. Loss, $16,000; insured, $6,000. The furniture was insured for $5,000 in the Royal Insurance Company. The Enterprise Company loses $2,000 by this fire.

The Iowa Legislature.

DESMOINES, Iowa, Thursday, Feb. 27.

In the House, to-day, a resolution was adopted instructing the Iowa Congressional delegation to urge the removal of the National Capital to some point in the West.

The SENATE, by a vote of 35 to 10, adopted a resolution in favor of the impeachment of the President.

Fire in Fairbury, Ill.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Feb. 27.

A fire in Fairbury, Livingston County, in this State, on Saturday night, destroyed nineteen buildings in the business portion of the town. The loss is estimated at $50,000, on which there is $18,000 insurance.

Louisiana State Finances—Gen. Hancock's Order.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT,
NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 22, 1868.
[Extract.]

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 40.—1. The Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Louisiana have officially represented to the Commanding General of the Fifth Military District that "the indebtedness of the State is such that under the present revenue laws the debt cannot be paid;" and the Governor of the State has, in an official communication to the Commanding General, declared that the State Treasury is totally bankrupt, that the Judges and all the other officers of the State cannot be paid, and that unless some remedy be applied, the machinery of civil government in the State must stop. The collection of arrear taxes for four years was, by act of the Legislature, suspended until the year 1870, and the appropriation act of the State, passed on the 25th of March, 1867, to meet the current expenses of the State, expired on the 31st of December, 1867, so that no adequate provision for the current year now exists, and no payments can be made by the Treasurer. The exigency of the case is so pressing and immediate, and prompt action so indispensable to prevent anarchy and confusion, and the loss of all semblance of civil law, that the Commanding General feels it his duty to use his authority for the relief of the State in this exigency. Upon the recommendation of his Excellency, Gov. BAKER, it is therefore ordered:

I. That from and after this day all the licenses on trades, professions and occupations, the revenues, dues and taxes, of the State of Louisiana, shall be payable and collected in United States legal-tender Treasury notes. It is made the duty of the State Treasurer, and of all other persons charged with these collections, to exact payments as above.

II. The Auditor and Treasurer of the State shall be required to keep a special and separate account of all dues, taxes, funds, or other public moneys, which shall be received by them hereafter from any and all collectors of taxes, or from other sources; and it shall be their duty to appropriate the same to the payment of the salaries of the judicial, executive and civil officers of the State; and to pay and discharge all the appropriations made in favor of the charitable institutions, the free public schools, for the rent of the Mechanics' Institute, and for the support of the State convicts. The act of the Legislature making appropriations for the general expenses of the State ending the 31st of December, 1867, so far as the appropriations therein set forth apply to the above enumerated officers and institutions, will be adopted by the said Treasurer and Auditor, and other officers, as if the said Legislature had passed the same act providing for the year 1868, making appropriations for the objects hereinbefore specified in this order, for the sums contained in said act; provided, however, that the Treasurer of the State shall not pay any other outstanding warrants or other obligations of the State than those that are issued against appropriations for the last quarter of the year 1867, restricting himself in the payment of these last mentioned obligations to those applicable to and issued in favor of the officers and institutions hereinbefore referred to in this order, and for whose special benefit and protection this order provides, and for no others.

III. For the purpose of carrying out this order without delay, the tax collectors throughout the State of Louisiana will report immediately, under oath, to the State Treasurer, the kinds and amounts of funds and moneys collected by them up to this date.

IV. For the purpose of avoiding expense throughout the State, the assessments which have been made for the year 1867 are adopted, as if the same had been made for the year 1868, and the collectors will be required to perform their duties under existing laws.

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By command of Major-Gen. HANCOCK.
GEO. L. HARTSUFF, Assistant Adjutant-General.

WEST INDIES.

The Garrote at Work—The Captain-General, the Bishop and Mme. Ristori—A Slave Poet—New Steamship Lines—Hayti, St. Pierre, and Martinique Intelligence.

From our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 22, 1868.

Lent is approaching, and the people are preparing themselves by attending numerous places of amusement and frivolity, so as to enjoy the coming season of prayer and repentance (?) more heartily. The coming week will be, as it always has been, the star week of young Cuba. Masquerade balls will be given nightly at every suitable hall, attended by the *élite* and the rabble of Havana society. Of course each has its own hall where to meet, and the reunions of the fashionables and upper-ten must not be confounded with the assemblies of the dirty and vulgar at the Tacon Theatre or saloons of the Louvre. But the topic which is of equal interest at present is the almost daily

EXECUTIONS OF CRIMINALS.

On Thursday last the shoemaker JOSE GARRIDO, who killed his paramour a week previous, expiated his crime on the scaffold. When the news of this horrible murder first became public, intense excitement was caused among all classes, as the circumstances connected with it were in the extreme barbarous, the shoemaker having chopped the body into minute pieces. Previous to the murderer's execution, however, public sentiment underwent a change, the culprit having heretofore borne a good name, and through his connection with the murdered woman, having been ruined in business. The Captain-General was waited upon by a commission demanding a modification of the sentence, but that functionary refused, as he did not wish to interfere with the findings of the court-martial. While I am writing they are garroting a Chinaman who murdered one of his countrymen a few days ago, and according to a report which has just reached me, three more persons are to be executed the coming week—two of them being members of the country Police, who were discovered robbing a store in a neighboring village. This prompt and efficient mode of dealing out justice to evil-doers is producing very beneficial effects, and if the authorities adhere to the programme inaugurated, there is no doubt but that in future the different and numerous bands of robbers, murderers and thieves will be partially if not wholly exterminated, and planters will be safe to travel along the country roads without the necessity of an armed guard or being in danger of having their houses burned over their heads.

CHURCH AND STATE.

The Bishop has been defeated and the go-ahead liberal portion of Cuba is delighted. Mme. RISTORI played last week in a piece called "Sister Theresa," certain scenes of which are such as to jar with the antediluvian and arbitrary notions of the Spanish Clergy. The Bishop at once prohibited its repetition, while the Captain-General authorized it. The Bishop came out second best, and is now taking a little trip in the country to recover his equanimity, which has been sadly disturbed by this unheard-of assumption against the power of the Church. But this is only a beginning, and not many years will pass before these arrogant and overbearing priests will be deeply humiliated by having churches established among them not belonging to the Roman Catholic Apostolic Church, and presided over by men of liberal ideas and Christian doctrines of charity and equality.

RISTORI.

This famous actress continues to attract large audiences to the Tacon Theatre, which is crowded every night. The enthusiasm of the public reached its height last Saturday, many becoming so excited as to shout at the top of their voices, an unusual occurrence in a Havana theatre. After the performance a number of young and old men, carrying torches, actually detached the horses from Mme. RISTORI's carriage, and hauled her in triumph around the park and to her residence. The leader and originator of this brilliant idea was a very mild ex-member of the American Press, who ordinarily might be taken as a very respectable old maiden aunt, but whose countenance under the glare of the torches and the excitement of the moment, was actually ferocious. Mme. RISTORI has offers from every town of the island, but it must be confessed that the principal part of her success is due to smart financeering and managerial skill of J. GRAU, the king of *empresarios*.

IMPORTED CATTLE.

The continual importation of beef cattle from Florida and Honduras is producing its natural effect, that of a reduction in the price of fresh meat. The complaints of the cattle-raisers in the interior, who would like to see the whole island suffer, merely in order to obtain a high price for their animals, while they do not produce sufficient to supply a quarter of the actual consumption, are loud. The papers have much to say about this, but nearly all are in favor that the duties on foreign cattle should be such as to give the laboring and other classes cheap meat, and would pay no attention to the stock-raising in the interior.

NEW STEAMSHIP LINES.

Several new lines of steamships to facilitate traffic between the United States and this island are now being inaugurated, consisting of a line between this port and New-Orleans, and another line between Boston and New-Orleans, stopping here coming and going, whilst the Philadelphia and Baltimore lines intend to place more ships on their already-established lines. It is also stated that a line composed of new and first-class ships will run from here to New-York, but nothing definite is yet known. The *Eagle* will lay up in New-York, on her arrival, to undergo some necessary repairs, and the propeller *Missouri* will take her place until she is put in order. A new line from Liverpool to New-Orleans also stops here, and the English West India Mail Company will send large ships direct from Southampton, evading the transhipment of freight and passengers at St. Thomas. The North German Lloyd has also a project of establishing a New-Orleans line, to stop at Havana; this line would undoubtedly be profitable as immense quantities of raw and manufactured tobacco are annually sent from here to Germany.

A SLAVE POET.

MANUEL ROBLEJO, who enjoys quite a reputation as a poet, but whose talent has not yet proved sufficiently remunerative to furnish him the means of purchasing his freedom, has published a card in the *Siglo*, asking the public to purchase his work, and thus enable him to liberate himself from the yoke of slavery. ROBLEJO is a negro of more than ordinary intelligence, and well known to hundreds of wealthy whites, who pretend to be great admirers of poets and literature. So far, however, not one has come forward offering to redeem this man from servitude, and be the means of cultivating a talent which may, perhaps, in future years, be an honor to his country, although the fertile brain is covered by a black skin. Will the Cubans do it?

MISCELLANEOUS.

Information has been received here that D. SINIBALDO MAS, who for many years has filled the position of Spanish Ambassador in China, will arrive here shortly *via* San Francisco, on his way home. This gentleman enjoys a high reputation as a finished Oriental scholar, and motives of health only have induced him to resign his position.

The City Council of Havana gave a grand dinner yesterday at Marianao, to the Captain-General and other high dignitaries whom they invited.

The city is beginning to fill up with Americans, every steamer bringing a crowd. The so-called "Black Crook" has returned to New-Orleans minus some of its satellites, who preferred to remain. The manager of the company received everything except blessings from the members of the troupe, and has proved himself entirely unfit to manage a theatrical company. Horses are more in his line.

The opera company have gone to Matanzas, where they are performing to crowded houses. On conclusion of their engagement they will return here and play at the Tacon, reinforced by a *prima donna* and tenor from New York.

The *Occidente* newspaper has published several articles praising the generosity and charitable munificence of Americans, which are intended to arouse the Cubans to be more charitable, and that without being compelled to call in the aid of bazaars and other gambling enterprises to collect funds for charitable objects.

The Captains of different American vessels have filed protests against the heavy fines imposed on them by the Customs authorities, either for bringing a larger or smaller cargo than the manifest called for.

The weather is splendid and the health of the city very good. The first days of the week were very cold, a dry northwester blowing from Sunday until Wednesday.

HAYTI.

By late advices from Hayti we get intelligence that SALNAVE had established his headquarters at Grand River, about seven leagues from Cape Haytien, and that his troops under Gen. POISSON, Commander of the frontier of Onanaminthé, had had a severe encounter with the "Cacos" during the previous week, and had been badly defeated, losing some 300 soldiers taken prisoners. Gen. POISSON killed himself to avoid falling into the hands of the enemy. This had cut off communications, and Gen. PARETTE, who was engaged in the attack upon the palace of GEFFRARD in February, 1867, had been made prisoner and shot by the "Cacos." Three of the captured under POISSON were shot—ALEXANDER CAWALHO, PREVOST JUMB and Gen. ALPHONSE ELIE. Their loss is very much felt by the partisans of GEFFRARD, especially as they had been forced to serve by the Government. ALEXIS NORTH, Commander of the Department of the South, has been fully exonerated by SALNAVE of the suspicions of treason aroused against him. In the recent battle the Cacos lost a 4-pounder field piece, but Gen. ANDRIEUX, ex-Commander of the frontier of Onanaminthé, upon hearing the news, gave orders to recover it at all hazards. The soldiers threw themselves into the action with most determined bravery and recovered the lost piece. In Cape Haytien the impression prevails that SALNAVE will not be able to sustain himself for any length of time, and the Cacos renew their attacks each time with greatly increased force. Later dates from the Department of the South, bring information that all the Departments had declared in favor of SALOMON, the Minister sent by SALNAVE to represent the Republic in France, England and Spain. In Port au Prince, the capital of the Republic, very general dissatisfaction existed with the present Government. Saint Marks and Gonaives were already in arms and had come to open conflict, and in the first engagement Mr. WOOLY, a relative of the well-known merchant of that name, had been killed. The steamer *Caravelle* had conveyed to Jamaica the rescued crew of the Haytian sloop *Exemple*, carried ashore near Baracoa by the strong currents running from Port de Paix to Inagua. They were rescued by the American schooner *Marietta* and taken into Baracoa.

MARTINIQUE.

The *Corsica*, formerly of the Cunard line to Havana and Nassau, arrived at St. Pierre on the 20th, and the news is transmitted *via* St. Thomas. By the latest news we are informed the Royal Mail Steamship Company had resolved to discontinue their trips to St. Thomas, but had not decided what point to substitute for their former station. The packets from Southampton will go to Virgen Yerda, one of the Virgin Isles. Admiral BARON MEQUET, in command of the Squadron of the Antilles and Gulf of Mexico, after a short sojourn at Fort of France, has gone to sea with the frigate *Semiramis*, accompanied by the *Bonaca* and *Suffren*. The health of the colony is excellent. In Fort of France there remains the ship-of-war *L'Itcheron*, and the *Alecies* and *Amarenthe* were preparing to sail to Guadaloupe.

The returns of the Custom-house show the following results of the commercial prosperity of the Island in 1867:

Exports.	1867. Kilo.	1866. Kilo.
Sugar	72,403,209	84,656,673
Rum	5,894,915	6,264,961
Coffee	16,539	9,144
Cotton	42,579	48,592
Cocoa	362,109	391,139
Campeachy wood	521,680	468,640

QUASIMODO.

MEXICO.

Escobedo's Movements—Vigilance Committees—Obsequies of Ex-President Comonfort—New Press Law—Mining News—Yucatan Items—Congressional Proceedings.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 22, 1868.

By the arrival of the French steamer *Imperatrice Eugenie* we have dates from Vera Cruz to the 17th, and from the City of Mexico to the 12th. The news, although not of great importance, is very interesting. Although some *pronunciamientos* of minor moment have gone forth, the threatened revolution, headed by Generals of renown, has not yet taken place. The movements of Gens. DIAZ and ESCOBEDO prove, however, that the cordial understanding between these chieftains and the President has received a serious and probably a lasting injury which can only result, at some future and perhaps not far distant day, in another of those well-known revolutions, producing a temporary anarchy and chaos succeeded by a few months of peace and rest, only to be disturbed again whenever some gold-laced individual feels himself aggrieved, and then the same old story is told over again with its customary accompaniments of rapine, murder, confiscation and sacrilege. The present quiet is considered by every one conversant with Mexico and Mexican affairs, only as a lull before the storm.

Gen. ESCOBEDO had been sojourning in the capital for several days, conferring with the Government upon matters of great public interest. He has since left to make a tour of inspection through the States of Guanajuato, Zacatecas and New-Leon, and will return *via* San Luis. The Supreme Court opened on the 10th. Señors IGLESIAS and ZAMACONA, who had been named members of the Court and also deputies in Congress, had chosen the latter position. The Supreme Court has determined to exercise no powers except those authorized by the Constitution, and in consequence of this Congress has decided to re-establish the Superior District Tribunal. Congress refuses to entertain the proclamation of a general amnesty, and it was referred back again to the Committee.

Eight Spaniards had been expelled from the country, and conducted under guard to Vera Cruz by order of the Government, and thirty-one prisoners had been taken to the fortress of San Juan de Ulloa to complete their time of service. The frequency of robberies, murders and kidnapping continues throughout the country to a most disgraceful and lamentable extent, and all the efforts of the Government to suppress them seemed futile. In some districts vigilance committees had been formed to pursue and punish the offenders, and were taking the law into their own hands. The celebrated case of Yañez, Islas, Castillo, Velasco and Alcade, against the Fifth Judge of the Supreme Court, was being tried before the Second Tribunal, and excited great interest. IGNACIO L. VALLASTA has been named Minister of the Interior. By an order of the 30th January the port of Puerto Angelo, in the district of Oajaca, is opened to foreign commerce. On the 5th they celebrated in the City of Mexico with great festivities the anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of 1857, and on the 10th they observed with great pomp and solemnity funeral ceremonies in honor of the memory of President COMONFORT, who was traitorously assassinated in November, 1863. The display was very imposing, and the city was draped in mourning. JUAREZ will not accept the resignation of Gen. PORFIRIO DIAZ, but grants him a furlough of three months, and DIAZ has gone to his estate in Oajaca, presented to him by the people of that State. A new law has been published giving the most complete liberty to the Press, making the right to publish and write upon any subject whatever inviolable, no authority being allowed to establish any censorship, exact any deposit from author or printer, or restrict the liberty of the Press in any way, and the same law abolishes the censorship of the theatres.

The report that Gen. NEGRETA had rebelled in the Sierra is thoroughly denied, as he remains peacefully on his own estates.

Lieut.-Col. MANUEL PINADO has been condemned by a council of officers to one year's imprisonment for having fought a duel. The Government had been making experiments with the Peabody rifle, which had proved very satisfactory, and this arm was probably to be adopted in the army. A company has been formed in London, composed of eminent bankers of Mexico, South America and Europe, to work the valuable silver mines of Humapa and Armada, under the title of the Silver Mining Company of Sonora. Important discoveries of gold had also been made on the banks of the River Coadtlan, in the State of Oajaca, and active preparations were in progress to work them.

The expedition to Yucatan had been eminently successful. The forces under Gen. ALATORRE marched from Campeachy upon Merida on the 28th of January, meeting with very little opposition till they reached Maxcanu, where they found the enemy fortified in the church and public square and ready to dispute the position. ALATORRE ordered an advance, and after a few hours' engagement his forces were in possession of the plaza, having killed and wounded a large number of the enemy and taken thirty prisoners. On the night of the 1st another body of the enemy, composed of about 200 men, were surprised at Uman, and thirty of them were killed, and as many more taken prisoners. Gen. ALATORRE then moved promptly on Merida, expecting there to encounter the remainder of their force, but they had already retired to Izamal with 500 men. On the 9th Gen. ALATORRE was to move on this last point, and probably before this he has succeeded in entirely dispersing the enemy. On the 5th Col. FOSTER encountered the vessels of the revolutionists in front of Chevijay, and after three hours' fighting had overpowered them. Thus quickly were Merida and Sisal placed in possession of the Government, while the enemy was put to flight. Col. FOSTER had arrived at Vera Cruz in the Government steamer *Tabasco*.

Congress had in view a law disqualifying from holding office all who have held any position under the late Empire. The Legislature of Queretaro had refused to pass the law abolishing capital punishment. In Durango they had ordered 100 men to be fully armed and equipped and sent to the aid of the Governor of Sinaloa, who is using all his influence upon the loyal troops to preserve order. In various States they have made and continue to make arrests of those persons suspected of disloyalty to the Government, and it is feared that a revolution may break out at any moment at various points. In Lagos the greatest anxiety prevails. In San Filipe ROCHE had been shot on a charge of treasonable acts. In Sierra there were a considerable number of revolutionists and they had been joined by those of Monte Alto and appeared to defy the troops the Government had sent against them. These parties were under the command of Col. EULALIA NUNEZ and CASTO C. SOTOMAYER.

QUASIMODO.

The Impeachment of the President.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

SIR: If a country Justice of the Peace steals a sheep, he is not tried under the statute against perjury for violation of his oath of office, but under the statute against sheep stealing. If found guilty, he is not "broken" as a Justice, but is "sent up" for ninety days as an individual.

ANDREW JOHNSON, President, has violated the Tenure of Office bill. He has assumed the risk of making an "appointment and removal, * * * contrary to the provisions of this act," and has thereby rendered himself liable, "upon trial and conviction thereof," to be declared guilty of a "high (not crime, but) misdemeanor," and to be punished therefor by (not impeachment, with its penalties, but) "a fine not exceeding $10,000, or by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both said punishments, at the discretion of the Court."

If to this view of the "misdemeanor" committed by Mr. JOHNSON, there be added the substantial acquiescence of the country in the decision of the Reconstruction Committee, scarce ten days ago, by which impeachment was supposed to have received its quietus, no better evidence could be furnished of the partizan madness which rules the hour. If the Tenure of Office bill is unconstitutional, that claim would be alleged in due form by ANDREW JOHNSON in his trial before "the Court" of competent jurisdiction, would reach, in due course of procedure, the Supreme Court, as the Court of last resort, and, if there sustained would be a valid defence. If not sustained, then ANDREW JOHNSON, as an individual, not as the President of the United States, must pay the fine or suffer the penalty provided by the violated statute. For the statute although confessedly passed to restrain the official acts of the President in making removals and appointments, takes effect, in its penalties, on "every person guilty" of the violation of the statute as an individual, and not as an official personage. "The King can do no wrong."

If it be replied that, in possibility, or even in fact, "privilege" would protect Mr. JOHNSON from civil process or criminal arrest, then the objection strikes much deeper than this allegation, and attacks the law itself. It renders the law a mere *brutum fulmen* aimed at a position which it has no power to reach, and providing penalties which it has no power to execute. It stultifies the Congress who passed such a law, and affords a new point of view from which to examine the question of its constitutionality. Such an objection cannot be seriously taken or successfully maintained by the supporters of the bill in question.

If, therefore, the President of the United States was, ten days ago, guilty of no such high crime and misdemeanor as would justify Congress before the nation and the world in impeaching him, I submit that his more recent act of endeavoring to remove Mr. STANTON does not warrant or require impeachment. In other words, the action is not properly brought, and the case attempted to be made out cannot be sustained before that sure jury, the nations of the civilized world, who will pronounce judgment thereon. The simple and sufficient remedy is in a different form of action, and the employment of the cumbrous machinery of "impeachment of high crimes and misdemeanors" in the nominal interest of justice, (and purposed though not real interest of party,) is the exercise of one of the highest powers of government in a manner and for a purpose never intended by the framers of our Constitution and founders of our government.

A LAY LAWYER.

"TWO WASTED LIVES."—Mr. HENRY S. SMITH read an original poem last evening, at Dodworth's Hall, entitled "Two Wasted Lives." The entertainment was attended by a numerous audience. The poem was replete with poetic sentiment and imagery, and the reader proved successful in rendering the lines. The reading would, however, have been more enjoyable had not a group of idlers annoyed the auditory and distracted their attention by ill-timed conversation and remarks. Mr. SMITH's poem deserves a speedy repetition.

Just try WISTAR'S

Tenement-Houses and Fire-Escapes.

The Superintendent of Buildings is pushing the matter of the fire-escapes as vigorously as his force of men will admit of, but clearly not rapidly enough, at the present rate, to secure this means of safety to the occupants of all the tenement buildings in the City for several years. The number of tenement buildings in New-York is estimated to be between 18,000 and 20,000. All these require the fire-escape in some shape or other, and but a small fraction has them. Since Jan. 1 the owners of about 1,025 of these have received notice—that is to say, inspectors on the staff of Mr. MACGREGOR have visited the premises, reported their condition at headquarters, and notices have been served. Over 900 of those thus noticed have made an appearance, received the necessary instructions, and put up, or are now putting up, the escapes. Action has been taken against twenty-five, in all, who neglected to obey the notice by making an appearance. In each of these cases, being so empowered by order of the Supreme Court, the escapes have been, or are in process of erection, under the immediate supervision of the department, the cost in each case becoming a lien upon the property. The maximum cost of this improvement is but $275, and that for a double house, the minimum, about $160. In many instances wealthy owners of rows of tenement buildings, a notable one being that of WM. B. ASTOR, have gone to work in a proper spirit, erecting the escapes without waiting for official notice. If, however, the most liberal estimate be made of the work, which can be done in visiting buildings and reporting thereon by Mr. MACGREGOR's employees, and of the number who are humane enough to forestall a notice by prompt obedience to the law, it cannot be assumed safely that more than one-third of the buildings which require the fire escape will have them by the 1st of January, 1869. So that three years may elapse before all will have them, during which time lives may be sacrificed by the hundred.

Yesterday a new fire-escape was exhibited in presence of a large concourse of property owners in this City, at the corner of Madison and Market streets. The house selected for the experiment was that belonging to Mrs. ELSIE BENNETT. It is a tenement-house, was constructed on plans suggested by and under the supervision of Mr. MACGREGOR, Superintendent of Buildings, and is a model structure. It is five stories high, the first being used as stores, and the other four as dwellings, there being two complete sets of apartments on each floor, each including parlor, two bedrooms and kitchen. The fire-escape is the last improvement added to the building, and instead of being ungainly and cumbrous, is rather ornamental to the front of the house. There is a platform balcony attached to each of the four dwelling stories, which is accessible from one of the windows of each suite of apartments. At the middle of each balcony is a square aperture, about twenty-two inches square. Through all the four apertures of the platforms passes a perpendicular pole, which might readily pass for a large gas-pipe, such as may be often seen on fronts of buildings on occasions of public illumination. This is the fire-escape, by which persons are enabled, in emergencies, to reach the street in platforms allotted to. It is a ladder, made of iron, and consists of two semi-elliptical bars, the one being sufficiently larger than the other to overlap. These form what appears to be a pipe. Inside are the rounds of the ladder, fastened at the ends by brass knuckle-joints. When not in use this ladder is closed, so that no danger is involved by the chances of children climbing and falling. The top of the ladder is capped so as to exclude the rain or snow, or anything that might injure or obstruct the operation of the rounds. Immediately under this is arranged a contrivance for opening and throwing out the ladder. A short arm or lever is attached at that point, projecting from the ladder, from which wires, running down within the building to every floor, are fastened, by either of which wires the lever at the top may be pulled and the ladder opened out ready for use. All the precautions are used to prevent the ladder being opened and used except at the desire of the occupants of the house. The whole apparatus, including the balconies, as they appear on Mrs. BENNETT's house, was put up for $437. It is manufactured by the American Fire Escape and Firemen's Ladder Company in this City, and may be accepted as a decidedly practical step toward the perfecting of fire-escapes. Mr. MACGREGOR, Superintendent of Buildings and several of his deputies, were present at the exhibition, tested the new invention, and pronounced it the best yet offered to the public.

The Johnson Recruits.

The movement to raise a force in this City in behalf of President JOHNSON seems to have come to an inglorious end. Yesterday the headquarters at No. 208 Broadway were closed to the public, and there was no on the premises who could explain the circumstance. The impression generally prevails that the entire movement has proved a failure. The roll of signatures captured by Officers STILWELL and HAYS has not been returned. It is said that COL. BROWN, TUCKER and MCCLELLAND are about to institute legal measures against the police authorities for the part they took in the late arrests at the Broadway headquarters. It is declared that they have taken measures to procure warrants for the arrest of the officers named on a charge of petit larceny, and will also seek warrants against Commissioners ACTON, MANIERRE and BOSWORTH and Superintendent KENNEDY on a charge of being accessories before and after the act, and also of receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen. The application is expected to come up to-day at the Tombs, before Justice HOGAN.

Correction.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

THURSDAY, Feb. 27, 1868.

Allow me to make a correction of the report in your issue of yesterday in regard to the Kennedy case just tried in Brooklyn. Your reporter (unintentionally) states that Mr. KENNEDY administered two *drachms* of morphine to the deceased. It would have been two *grains*. The jury dissagreed, ten being for acquittal and two for conviction. Respectfully, &c.,

ROYAL S. CRANE, Attorney for Kennedy.

AN INFANT SUFFOCATED.—An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner SCHIRMER, at No. 117 Spring-street, over the remains of JOHN GLEASON, aged six months, who had been accidentally suffocated in bed by the clothes. A verdict in accordance with the facts was rendered.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rev. Dr. PRICE, Rector, will hold Divine service every SUNDAY, at 10½ o'clock A. M., in the Hall corner of Broadway and 28th-st. The Rector will preach. Seats free.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

CARRIAGES.—GREAT BARGAINS.—NOW ON hand, several new carriages on consignment that must be sold; several second-hand carriages, all styles, at great bargains. CALVIN WITTY'S carriage depot, No. 626 Broadway, near Bleecker.

MACHINERY.

BOILERS FOR SALE.—TWO SECOND-hand Cornish boilers, six feet diameter by twenty-seven feet long, for sale cheap. Apply to CURTIS & SHAPTER, Nos. 209 and 211 Franklin-st.

WINES AND LIQUORS.

LIQUORS.—ONE BARREL FROM TWO BOURbon Whisky bought at Henry Clay's sale, 1852, eight cases Old Pale Brandy, bottles, six years. At SYPHER & CO.'S, No. 557 Broadway.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—THE SALE OF ONE OR MORE ARticles of general consumption by a first-class house, which has peculiar facilities for introducing and selling same. Manufacturers of staple goods will find this an excellent opportunity to establish a depot in this City. Address S. R. B., Box No. 5,722 New-York Post-office.

A GENUINE BRAZILIAN PEBBLE SPECtacles and Eye Glasses. Preserve the sight. Optical Institute, No. 1,132 Broadway.

FINANCIAL.

Fisk & Hatch

BANKERS AND DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,
No. 5 Nassau-street,
BUY AND SELL AT MARKET RATES,
ALL DESCRIPTIONS
OF
UNITED STATES SECURITIES,
and give especial attention to the conversion of
SEVEN-THIRTY NOTES
INTO THE
NEW FIVE-TWENTY BONDS OF 1865 AND 1867.
Holders of the Sixes of 1881, and Five-twenty Bonds of 1862, and May 1, 1865, may now realize a liberal difference by exchanging them for the new 5-20s of 1865-7. We are prepared to make these exchanges upon the most favorable terms.
Deposits received and collections made.
FISK & HATCH. No. 5 Nassau-st.

VERMILYE & CO.,

NO. 44 WALL-ST.
BANKERS AND DEALERS
IN
GOVERNMENT STOCKS.
WE GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO
FUNDING 7.30 TREASURY LOANS.
All series taken in exchange for 5-20 BONDS. Returns made to correspondents without delay, and on favorable terms.

CLOSING PRICES.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 27—3 P. M.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Registered '81	110¾	111	5-20 C., '67	107⅛	107¼
Coupon, 1881	110⅞	111	10-40 Reg.	101	101⅜
5-20 Regist.	106⅝	107	15-40 Coupon	104⅝	104⅞
5-20 Coupon, '62	110⅜	110⅝	gold	141⅜	141½
5-20 Coupon, '64	107⅜	107⅝	June 7.30	106⅛	106⅜
5-20 Coupon, '65	108⅜	108⅝	July, 7.30	106⅛	106⅜
5-20C. '65 Jan&July	106⅜	106⅝			

ALL CLASSES OF UNITED STATES FUNDS
Credited or Remitted for on Receipt at Market Rates, FREE OF ALL COMMISSION CHARGES.

Seventeenth Annual Report
of the
MANHATTAN
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW YORK,
January 1st, 1868.

HENRY STOKES, President.
C. Y. WEMPLE, Vice-President.
J. L. HALSEY, Secretary.
S. N. STEBBINS, Actuary.
H. Y. WEMPLE, Assistant Secretary.
ABM. DUBOIS, M. D., Med. Ex.
H. G. PIFFARD, M. D., Assistant.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR 1867.

For premiums, Extra Premiums, &c.	$1,694,995 14	
For Interest and Rents	242,268 91	
For Interest and Rents Accrued	42,056 13	
		$1,979,360 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Claims by death on Policies and Bonus, and Payment of Annuities	$460,181 78	
Paid Expenses, Salaries, Taxes, Revenue Stamps, Medical Examiners' Fees, Commissions, &c.	257,725 32	
Paid Dividends, Re-insurance, Purchased Policies and Bonus, Interest on Dividends, &c.	295,697 60	
		$953,604 67

ASSETS.

Cash in Bank and on hand	$53,016 07	
Bonds and Mortgages	880,258 00	
Loans on Policies in force	1,719,426 42	
[The actuarial estimates of the value of the Policies which secure these Notes is about $2,101,5 0.]		
United States and New-York State Stocks	719,753 20	
Quarterly and Semi-annual Premiums deferred, and Premiums and Interest in course of collection and transmission	896,709 63	
Temporary Loans on Stocks and Bonds	380,425 00	
[Market value of the Securities, $489,307 00.]		
Interest accrued to date and all other property	52,096 13	
		$4,391,773 45

Advantages to Insurers:
SMALLEST RATIO OF MORTALITY.
EXPENSES LESS THAN ANY CASH COMPANY.
LIBERAL MODES OF PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS.
INSURERS RECEIVE THE LARGEST BONUS EVER GIVEN.
DIVIDENDS MADE ANNUALLY ON ALL PARTICIPATING POLICIES.
NO CLAIMS UNPAID.
ALL KINDS OF NON-FORFEITING LIFE AND ENDOWMENT POLICIES ISSUED.
POLICIES INCONTESTABLE.
ALL ENDOWMENT POLICIES NON-FORFEITABLE AFTER ONE PAYMENT.
The following are examples of the operations of the last dividend:
POLICIES ISSUED IN 1863, ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO.

Age at Issue.	Amount Insured.	Premium Paid.	Added to Policy.	Total Am't Pol.
40	$10,000	$1,250	$3,572	$13,572
35	8,000	1,072	2,346	10,346
30	7,500	768	2,713	10,213
25	7,000	571	2,505	9,505

This is an entirely new plan, giving insurers the largest return ever made by any company in the same period.
GEORGE A. FRENCH, Manchester, N. H., General Agent for Maine and New-Hampshire.
J. MASON EVERETT, Boston, Mass., General Agent for Eastern Massachusetts.
O. L. SHELDON, Rochester, N.Y., General Agent for Northern New-York.
E. BALL, Buffalo, N. Y., General Agent for Western New-York.
L. WINDSOR, Erie, Penn., General Agent for Pennsylvania.
LEWIS, SPENCER & CO., Cleveland, Ohio, General Agents for Ohio, Indiana, &c.

FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT.
SECURITY UNDOUBTED.
250,000 first mortgage bonds of the South Side Railroad of Long Island for sale.
These bonds are 7 per cent. coupons, payable 1st of March and September, at Atlantic National Bank, Brooklyn, the mortgage covering the entire property of the Company.
The South Side Railroad runs from the East River, Brooklyn, through all the villages on the south side of the Island to Patchogue, distance 55 miles, 34 miles complete and running. Net earnings are now during the Winter months paying interest on the bonds. The road is graded to Islip, iron and ties on the line, and the entire line will be completed as soon as the weather will permit.
For sale on favorable terms by
SMITH, GOULD, MARTIN & CO.,
Bankers and Brokers,
No. 11 Broad-st., New-York.

BROWN BROTHERS & Co.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE
COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS
FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY
AND ABROAD

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, CHICAGO, Feb. 20, 1868.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—NOTICE is hereby given to the stockholders at the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company that a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has been this day declared upon the preferred and common stock of this Company, payable at the office of Messrs. M. K. Jesup & Co., No. 32 Pine-st., New-York, on the 2d day of March next, to holders of said stock as may be registered as such at the close of business hours on the 17th inst.

The transfer books will be closed on the 17th inst., and reopened for transfers on the 3d day of March next.
WM. LARRABEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURG, Penn., Feb. 17, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK and bondholders of this Company for the election of Directors and such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of said Company, in the City of Pittsburg, on the third WEDNESDAY (18th) of March, A. D. 1868, at 10 A. M.

The stock and bond transfer-books of the Company at their office in the City of Pittsburgh and at the Transfer Agency in the City of New-York, will be closed on the 3d day of March, at 2 P. M., and remain closed until the 19th day of March thereafter.
F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES LIFE INS. CO., IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, No. 40 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 19, 1868.

ELECTION NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECtion for ten Directors of this Company, and for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at this office on MONDAY, the 2d day of March next, between the hours of 12 o'clock Noon and 1 o'clock P. M. By order
NICHOLAS DEGROOT, Secretary.

ISLE ROYALE MINING COMPANY,
No. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREholders for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business, will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 11, 1868, at 2 o'clock.
F. W. CAPEN, Secretary.

PRESTON COAL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY,
No. 208½ WALNUT-ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17, 1868.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 4, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of the Company, at which time an election will be held for Directors for the ensuing year.
H. F. RUTTER, Secretary.

CITY OF KEOKUK 8 PER CENT. NEW BONDS.—Interest and principal payable at the Central National Bank, New-York.
These bonds under guarantees and a three-fold security, held by Henry A. Smythe as trustee, may be regarded as amply secured, and a safe first-class investment. $50,000 to $50,000 for sale. Apply to WM. H. SANFORD, Cashier Central National Bank, New-York.

OFFICE OF THE SHERBROOKE GOLD MINING COMPANY OF NOVA SCOTIA.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Sherbrooke Gold Mining Company of Nova Scotia, for the election of Trustees and the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 50 Cliff-st., on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of March next, at 12 o'clock M. H. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Leschmere Engine Safety Truck Company will be held at their office, No. 46 Cortlandt-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, March 10, at 12 M., for the transaction of such business as may come before them.
JOEL C. LANE, Secretary.

COUPONS.—THE COUPONS OF THE INCOME Bonds of the Columbus and Indiana Central Railway Company, due 1st of March next, will be paid at the St. Nicholas National Bank, No. 7 Wall-st., on and after 1st proximo.
A. E. SMITH, President.

FINANCIAL.

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BANKING HOUSE OF
NO. 20 WALL-ST.,
CORNER OF NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.
We buy and sell at the most liberal current prices, and keep on hand a full supply of
GOVERNMENT BONDS OF ALL ISSUES,
SEVEN-THIRTIES
AND
COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.
And execute orders for purchase and sale of
STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.
We have added to our office a Retail Department for the accommodation of the public demand for investment in and exchanges of Government Securities, the purchase of GOLD and INTEREST COUPONS, and the sale of INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS.
SEVEN-THIRTIES CONVERTED INTO FIVE-TWENTIES AT THE MOST FAVORABLE RATES.
JAY COOKE & CO.

HATCH, FOOTE & Co.

BANKERS
AND DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, STOCKS
&c.
Buy and Sell all issues of
U. S. BONDS
at MARKET RATES, and EXCHANGE
7-30 Notes, Feb. 27, 1868, as follows:
For JUNE NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, and pay $5 40 DIFFERENCE.
For JULY NOTES we give the NEW 5-20 BONDS, and receive 77 cents DIFFERENCE
ON EACH $1,000.
No. 12 Wall-st., New-York.

Stuyvesant Bank Stock Cheap!!!
For sale at the office of F. KOHBERTZ & SON,
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MISSOURI COUPONS
Bought and Sold by
WM. & JOHN O'BRIEN,
No. 58 Wall-st.

MISSOURI COUPONS BOUGHT AND sold at best market rates; Southern State and railroad bonds a specialty. MANNING & DE FOREST, Bankers, No. 19 Wall-st.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 25, 1868.

EXCHANGE ON NEW-ORLEANS MOBILE AND CHARLESTON.—Drafts on New-Orleans and Mobile, payable in coin, and on Charleston, payable in currency, may be obtained on application to
H. H. VAN DYCK,
Assistant Treasurer.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1868.

COUPONS DUE MARCH 1, 1868, FROM the bonds of the Peninsula Railroad Company, will be paid on and after March 2, 1868, on presentation at this office.
A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

FORTY-SECOND-ST. AND GRAND-ST. F. R. R. Co.,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1868.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS for election of thirteen Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Company's office, foot 42d-st., North River, on TUESDAY, 10th March, 1868, from 12 M. to 2 P. M. CHAS. CURTISS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK FLOATING DRY-DOCK COMPANY. No. 254 south-st. Feb. 20, 1868.—An election for nine directors and three inspectors of election will be held at Botanic Hall, No. 68 East Broadway, on 2d, 3d and 4th days next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 2 o'clock P. M. By order,
H. V. MASON, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Knowlton Mining Company, for the choice of Directors and the transaction of any other business, will be held at the Company's office, No. 44 Exchange-place, in the City of New-York, on TUESDAY, March 3, 1868, at 2 o'clock.
F. W. CAPEN, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECtors for the New-York and Virginia Steamship Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 68 Broad-st., on TUESDAY, 3d March, 1868, between the hours of 12 noon and 2 o'clock P. M. The transfer books are closed until after the election.
G. HEINEKEN, Secretary.

QUEENS COUNTY.—INTEREST—THE INterest due March 1, on the Bonds of Queens County; also any bonds maturing at that date will be paid at the Atlantic National Bank of Brooklyn, on and after that date, by the Treasurer at his office in the village of Flushing.
CHAS. L. ROE, County Treasurer.

TO PARTIES WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES require an immediate shift. I have cash, bankable paper and property to exchange for goods; parties out of the city preferred. Address ENTERPRISE, No. 3 Laight-st., New-York.

UNDERGROUND RAILWAY—$1,000 AND upward. Parties willing to invest may address with real name (no others noticed) D. C. B., Box No. 3,999 Post-office.

THE NON-EXPLOSIVE OIL COMPANY Sell the purest and best oil made, wholesale and retail, at No. 76 Cortlandt-st. Send for circular.

DIVIDENDS.

MEMPHIS AND CHARLESTON RAILROAD,
"BERIAN WAREROOMS.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 10, 1868.

DIVIDEND.—AT THE MEETING OF THE Board of Directors of this Company, held Feb. 7, 1868 at Memphis, Tenn., a dividend of Three Per Cent. was declared on the capital stock, payable on Monday, March 16 prox., at the Office of the Treasurer, to those registered at Memphis, at the Office of Winslow, Lanier & Co., Nos. 27 and 29 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York.
The transfer books will close on the 1st day of March and reopen on the 16th inst.
GEO. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE STERLING FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 155 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 12, 1868.

SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—FIVE PER CENT., free of Government tax, has this day been declared by the Directors, payable on the 14th inst.
A. L. SOULARD, Secretary.

SAVINGS BANKS.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK.
Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner of LAIGHT,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1868.
Six per cent. interest, free of tax, on $5 to $5,000.
ASSETS, $4,546,850 07.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK—8TH-AV., corner of 14th-st.—Six per cent. interest, free of tax, paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before March 1, will draw interest from March 1.
R. H. MACY, President.
S. S. CONSTANT, Vice-President.
R. H. BULL, Secretary.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

THE BEST KEROSENE LAMP GOODS in the City. A good stock and fixtures in the largest city of the West, established 1857. 12 o'clock, at fault. Apply to A. KNAPP, No. 255 Pearl-st., New-York, or address Post-office Box No. 3,335, St. Louis, Mo.

A FIRST-CLASS BAKERY AND CONfectionery and ice-cream saloon, No. 286 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, E. D., for sale with good lease. Apply on the premises.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE INTEREST IN A City daily. Address THE AMERICAN LITERARY BUREAU, No. 132 Nassau-st.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF William D. Veeder, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against OLIVER M. PETTIT, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, the Executors, at the office of S. D. LAW, No. 25 Pine-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 5th day of July next.—Dated December 30, 1867.
EDWARD N. SMITH,
LOUISA P. PETTIT, Executors.
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IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER OF WILLIAM D. VEEDER, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against CORNELIUS C. STRYKER, late of the City of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber, the administrator, at his residence, in the town of Gravesend, L. I., on or before the 18th day of March next.
CORNELIUS S. STRYKER, Administrator.
DATED, Sept. 9, 1867.

DRY GOODS

—DRESS TRIMMINGS, NEW STYLES,—
RIBBONS, VELVETS,
LACES, EMBROIDERIES,
HOSIERY, GLOVES,
Small wares and Fancy Goods. A full assortment at popular prices. WM. RIGGEN,
No. 880 and 882 Broadway, near 19th-st., cars side.

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS.

THOMAS R. AGNEW,
NOS. 260 AND 262 GREENWICH-ST.,
NEW-YORK,
Has reduced the prices of teas, coffees, sugars, flour and all kinds of groceries and provisions from 1 to 25 per cent.; he asks no profit from the poor during the hard times. Everybody should call and compare the prices before buying elsewhere, and save 25 to 50 per cent.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLE MANTELS.—A LARGE STOCK ON hand all ready for setting up in buildings, which must be sold in the next thirty days, at any price, on account of rebuilding. A. KLABER, No. 134 East 13th-st., near 3d-av.

MARBELIZED SLATE MANTELS.—Half the price of marble. Send for a circular. F. B. STEWART, 605 6th-av. bet. 35th and 36th st.

AUCTION SALES.

EVERGREEN BLUFF MINING COMPANY.
No. 44 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1868.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—THAT THE sale of shares advertised to take place this day, on account of assessment of $2 per share due Oct. 2, 1867, has been postponed to MONDAY, March 2, 1868, in order to give delinquent shareholders a final opportunity to redeem their shares.
By order of the Directors.
F. W. CAPEN, Treasurer.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY.—A stock of staple and fancy dry goods, being the stock of Louis Glaser, will be sold at the auction room of Wm. Topping & Co., No. 132 Church-st., on TUESDAY, March 10, by order of JOHN SEDGWICK, Assignee.

AUCTION SALES.

HENRY MOLTEN, Auctioneer.

10 BROWN-STONE HOUSES AT AUCTION.

HENRY MOLTEN & CO.,
Office, No. 27 Mercer-st,
WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT AUCTION,
On FRIDAY, March 6, 1868,
AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT
The Exchange Salesroom, 111 Broadway, N. Y.,
TEN THREE-STORY HIGH-STOOP BROWN-STONE HOUSES AND LOTS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF EAST 62D-ST., BETWEEN 1ST AND 2D AVS., NOS.
333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349 and 351.
Lots, 17x100.5; Houses, 17x40. All the Modern Improvements. Hot and Cold Water, Heater, Grates, Speaking-tubes and Bells.
HOUSES OPEN EVERY DAY FOR INSPECTION

GEO. A. LEAVITT, Auctioneer.
GREAT SALE OF AUTOGRAPHS.
BY LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & CO.,
Clinton Hall, Astor-place.
MONDAY, March 2, and following days, at 7 o'clock P. M. each day.
A large and choice collection of autographs, consisting of revolutionary letters and documents, literary, political, dramatic, &c., &c., including a complete set of autograph letters of the Presidents of the United States, from Washington to Lincoln inclusive; the whole forming the balance of stock belonging to Mr. T. H. Morrell, (he relinquishes that department in his business), together with a few valuable autographs, the property of the late A. W. Bradford, Esq., late Surrogate of the City of New-York. Also, a large number of engraved portraits and other prints, suitable for illustrating or for scrap-books, consisting of rare portraits of Washington, Cornwallis, Tarleton, Dibdin, Fanny Kemble, Mrs. Siddons, &c., &c. Among the autographs are some very choice and rare and not often met with, Henry VII., Henry VIII., Queen Elizabeth, William III., Napoleon, Josephine, &c., &c. Catalogues ready and goods on exhibition.
FRIDAY and SATURDAY, March 6 and 7, great sale of oil paintings.

EDWD. A. LAWRENCE, Auctioneer.
"HONE HOUSE."
The stock, fixtures and furniture of the above well-known hotel, situated at the corner of Broadway and Great Jones-st., consisting in part of handsome bar-room fixtures, very richly framed French plate mirrors, Phelan's marble-top rosewood billiard tables, elegant vases, splendid oil-paintings, rare old wines, brandies and ales, together with all the furniture, cut glass and silver ware, gas fixtures, beds and bed linen.
LAWRENCE & STRATTON
On MONDAY NEXT,
the 2d day of March,
at 11 o'clock,
all the stock and superior liquors, consisting of very CHOICE WINES, BRANDIES AND ALES,
such as the
"HONE HOUSE"
has been so long and favorably known to possess.
Two very large and richly-framed French plate mirrors, 120x72 inches each; four of Phelan's marble-top rosewood billiard tables, with cues and fixtures complete; fine oil paintings, richly-carved cut glass and silver ware, handsome mahogany counters, gas fixtures, &c., together with all the furniture, beds and bed linens, blankets, carpets, shades, curtains, and other articles too numerous to detail.
Also, the fixtures of the restaurant.
Catalogues at
Auctioneer's Office,
Room D, (basement,) No. 111 Broadway,
Trinity Building.

EDWARD M. BROWN, Auctioneer.
BY T. R. MINTURN, BROWN & CO.
THIS DAY (Friday,) Feb. 28, at 11 o'clock, within the store:
2,000 packages Malaga Raisins.
75 barrels Almeria Grapes.
9 cases Fig Paste.
3 bales Italian Chestnuts.
25 barrels Currants.
15 cases Tunis Dates.
At 12 o'clock on Pier No. 3 East River;
4,418 boxes fresh Messina Oranges.
1,000 boxes fresh Messina Lemons.
Cargo brig *Alexander*, from Messina.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER
Will sell by auction on FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 28, at 7½ o'clock, at the LEEDS ART GALLERIES, Nos. 817 and 819 Broadway, southwest corner 12th-st.,
A MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION OF FINE OIL PAINTINGS, by celebrated ancient and foreign artists. Among many others will be found the names of
L. Job Vernet, R. A. Blakelock,
C. P. Beam, J. M. Culverhouse.
George Hall, J. H. McCord, and others.
The above are now on exhibition day and evening till sale.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.
NO. 74 ROBINSON-ST., AT AUCTION.
E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 3, 1868, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York.
ROBINSON-ST.—The lease of the lot, together with the five-story brick building No. 74 Robinson-street, between Washington and West-sts., in good order, has gas throughout, and contains a thirty-five horse power boiler. Lot is leased from Rhinelander estate, has 17 years to run from May 1, 1868, at ground rent of $630 per annum and taxes.
Maps, &c., at No. 3 Pine-st., New-York.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
BY HENRY H. LEEDS & MINER.
Will sell by auction on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, 26th, 27th and 28th inst., at 10½ o'clock each day, at the well-known
"BERIAN WAREROOMS.
601 Broadway, nearly opposite the Metropolitan Hotel.
THE LARGE AND VALUABLE STOCK OF HOUSEFURNISHING ARTICLES, in which will be found every article used by families in housekeeping. This is the most complete stock ever offered for sale by public auction in this City. Catalogues on morning of sale.

A. M. MERWIN, Auctioneer.
BY BANGS, MERWIN & CO.
At their salesrooms Nos. 694 and 696 BROADWAY, corner of 4th-st., FRIDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 28, AT 2 O'CLOCK, A PRIVATE LIBRARY of valuable English and American Books, comprising a great variety of fine editions of standard works and choice miscellaneous Literature; including Illustrated Works, and many rare books, &c. Catalogues are ready, and the books are on exhibition.

ROBERT SOMERVILLE,
AUCTIONEER,
of the late firm of MINER & SOMERVILLE,
No. 39 Nassau-st. and
No. 82 5th-av.

By ROBERT SOMERVILLE, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 62 Liberty-st.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF HOTEL FURNITURE.
ROBERT SOMERVILLE will sell by auction, on MONDAY, 2d of March, at 10½ o'clock, at the Verandah Hotel, corner of Houston and Crosby sts., the entire contents of the above hotel. By order of the assignees.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE IN BANKRUPTCY.
A stock of clothing, being the stock of Emil Joseph, will be sold at the auction room of WILLIAM TOPPING & CO., No. 132 Church-st., on SATURDAY March 10, 1868, by order of JOHN SEDGWICK, Assignee.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.
VALUABLE RESIDENTIAL PARK AND Harlem lots at auction.
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GEORGIA.

Negro Labor—Indisposition of the Freedmen to Make Contracts—Gen. Sibley's Order—The Tendency and Effect of Negro Class Legislation—Proceedings of the Convention, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ATLANTA, Ga., Saturday, Feb. 22, 1868.

While the Convention is engaged in animated discussion of the absolute right of the negroes to ride in the same railroad cars with white people, to lodge at the same hotels and eat at the same table, the difficulty in hiring negro laborers to make this year's crop, in inducing them to keep their contracts where they make any, and to work where they have contracted, engages the attention of that large class of the population who take a material view of affairs, and believe it is better for the community, black and white, that the negroes should work diligently to make corn and cotton, than that they should have the unquestionable right to lodge at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, or occupy dress boxes at the opera.

In every large town, and in every village there are hundreds of able-bodied laborers, with their families, without any means of subsistence, who cannot be induced to contract to work on a plantation for the year. They have no money, no food, no shelter but ragged tents made of pieces of old blankets and refuse sacks, and yet if a planter offers to hire these people for the year, to give them food, lodging and raiment, besides fair monthly wages or a share of what they produce, nineteen out of every twenty will refuse to contract. They answer; "We didn't low to work reglar for all the year. We aim to get a job of work by the day." Or they say, "We worked hard for two years and didn't make nothing by contracts: we are now gwine to try it by ourselves." In the meantime, the necessary farm work is neglected where the owners are able to employ hands, and in a few days it will be too late to attempt to make a crop for this year. The fact is indisputable that this state of things is mainly due to the wicked advice of Radical emissaries, whose principal aim it is to create ill will and bad feeling between the whites and the negroes; to make the blacks believe that their suffering and want are wholly attributable to the animosity of the whites, and that their only chance of safety and welfare is in following the advice of the Radicals in all things. Were the negroes, happy, comfortable and thriving on the plantations of the landowners, they might not be so easily persuaded to vote as the Radicals decree in the coming election. By keeping the two races divided and unfriendly the power of the Leagues is irresistible, and by engaging a large black population in and near the cities and towns, they are more accessible and more easily manipulated whenever the times comes to use them. If they starve, as starve they must, they are told that Congress will feed them through the Bureau. They are led to believe that millions of dollars have been voted to give them "a plenty of meat and bread and good clothes to wear," and they are persuaded that the best and surest way to make the landowners sell or rent little farms to the colored people, is to refuse to work either for money wages or a share of the produce.

I have seen a large number of farmers from different parts of Upper Georgia, who come here hoping to engage hands. They found numbers who were doing nothing and living in utter want and squalor, but when they said they wanted hands to contract for the year to work upon a farm, they could not find more than one in twenty who would agree to work. A friend of mine who came here to engage laborers employed the services of an intelligent negro waiter at the hotel where we stayed, who promised to do his best to earn the liberal remuneration he was to receive for every hand he obtained. After a delay of some days the agent reported a complete failure. He said he could not get a single able hand to engage for the year. I pressed him to tell me the reason of this, as the farm laborers generally had no money and they could not all get work in Atlanta, and he told me that they were told not to work under contracts for the year, that "them as were *free* would have a heap better chance from the Convention than them as were hired to white rebels, and that if they wants a good start and a bit of land, them will get it who keeps themselves free," and that as for food and clothes the Bureau will attend to all that.

I can furnish no more convincing proof of the extent to which this demoralization of the laboring class has gone than to point to the recent address published by Gen. C. C. SIBLEY, the Military Commander of the State of Georgia, and *ex-officio* Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, in which he warns the freedmen against their false teachers and the evils of idleness, explodes the ingenious deceptions concocted by the leagues, and advises them to go to work, and that at once. Gen. SIBLEY is an officer of remarkable sense, prudence and patience. He eschews politics in every shape, has nothing to do with parties and cliques, thinks and acts for himself, and knows no other guide than duty. Nobody in Georgia is in a better position to judge of the condition, temper and disposition of the freedmen. His subordinates are everywhere in the State, and if they err in their reports, it is certain that they will lean to the side of the black man, and if possible throw the blame, if any there be, upon the whites. The urgency of the case, the irremediable injury to agriculture, and the threated destruction of the colored people, induced the General to interpose his authority and good advice, and try to mitigate, if he cannot arrest, the evil. His agents will give wide circulation to his counsels; but the league orators will do their utmost to defeat his wise purpose; and the chances are in their favor, as their recommendation carries idleness with it, while the General advises hard, dilgent labor.

I thought as I listened to Mr. BEDFORD's long speech about the "equal accommodation" for colored people on the cars and steamboats, and the ingenious systems of torture which he proposes to inflict on common carriers if they omit to furnish luxurious comforts to the colored ladies and gentlemen, that he would be much more usefully employed in advocating some plan to promote industry, thrift and honest labor, than in filling the silly heads of the negroes with false ideas of equality. If half the time and half the breath which are expended in cunningly devised plans to make the negroes idle and worthless were used in encouraging them to be honest, virtuous and industrious, the "negro difficulty" would be much nearer adjustment than I ever expect to see it. The negro vote is the first great consideration, and the second is that it be cast on the side of Radicalism. Everything which tends to secure this end is eminently praiseworthy, and everything which militates against it is rebellion. If the negro vote can be so managed and controlled that it will be cast for Radicalism in the Fall of this year, it will be a matter of comparatively small importance that both white men and negroes should starve for want of bread. What are corn and cotton as compared with votes, and those radical votes? A whole day was spent in the Convention discussing the class of cars and the conveniences furnished to colored people by the railroad companies, and proposing to make it part of the fundamental law that there shall be no difference whatever. All attempts at compromise, like a provision that if colored people pay the same fare they shall have the same accommodations as whites, were pronounced by Mr. BEDFORD to be "handsome dodges," to which no human power could ever induce him to consent. Nothing but soft-cushioned seats, finely painted ceilings and Venetian blinds would ever satisfy the colored people of the district which he represents in the Convention, which it will not be his fault if he does not represent in Congress, and of which the negro population is over two to one as compared with the whites.

The direct effect of all this pseudo philanthropy and solicitude is to turn the heads of the colored people, make them believe that they are the superior race, and disgust them with the pursuits of industry. Naturally idle and improvident, they need far less bad advice than they are daily receiving to make them think that labor of any kind is but another form of slavery. With their present confused ideas of *mine* and *yours*, they do not require to be told, so often that the property which belongs to their late owners is the fruit of their unrewarded toil, and is consequently justly theirs, to make their preference for petty larceny as a means of subsistence more decided than it is at present. All the speeches and all the laws and all the addresses which have been made, passed and published since the emancipation of the negroes by their so-called friends, have been calculated to mislead and demoralize them, and make them dissatisfied with the only calling for which nine hundred and ninety-nine of every thousand are fitted. While they are looking anxiously to their friends, (?) like Mr. BEDFORD, to acquire the right to occupy the "bridal chamber" at the St. Nicholas or on the steamboats and the cushioned cars on the railroads, and while they are meditating whether or not they shall "run for Congress themselves or send Mr. BEDFORD," the land is uncultivated, the plows are idle and the hoes are resting in the tool-house. The area of agricultural operations this year is much smaller than in 1867, on account of the want of means of the farmers; but if some change does not take place—if Gen. SIBLEY's good advice is not heeded, and that speedily—it will be still further restricted, and the area of destitution largely increased. I have heard and read a great deal about the coercion employed by planters to make the freedmen vote as they direct or abstain from voting altogether. But I have never found one instance in which it has been proved that an employer dismissed or refused to employ a hand because he voted or refused to vote as he pleased. I have taken pains to investigate several cases of alleged coercion and invariably found that the coercion existed only in the brain of the narrator of "the outrage," or by some negro who had been dismissed for bad conduct and was taught to cover his fault by making it appear that he was a martyr to political independence.

Since the financial affairs of the Convention have become "easier," and the combined prospects of Capt. ROCKWELL's industry, Mr. HOPKINS' loan and the Convention tax have become brighter and more promising of $9 a day and mileage, the industry of delegates—never very great—has sensibly diminished, and talk has taken the place of business. The fact is, there are too many delegates who are running for Congress with all their might, and they think that the oftener they speak, whether they say anything or not, the better are their chances. There is one man in particular who is always "making suggestions." He has spoken once or twice on every subject from the organization to the adjournment to-day. It was said of him by a sarcastic colleague that were the Lord's Prayer offered as a section of the Constitution he would certainly make a "suggestion" with a view to amendment. He is a little man with a remarkably long forefinger, which he points solemnly at those whom he seeks to convince or convert. His fund of suggestions is apparently inexhaustible, I am sorry to say, and now that the report of the Judiciary Committee is under discussion, they will be without end and number.

My predictions as to the reports of the Special Committees on the homestead exemption and the apportionment of members of the General Assembly, have been fully verified. Every head of a family shall have real estate to the value of $2,500 in gold, and personal property to the value of $2,000 in specie, forever exempt from levy and sale for debt. There is no doubt that this report will be adopted by a large majority.

The Apportionment Committee leave the Senate just as it is—that is, one Senator from each of the forty-four Senatorial districts. The only change in the House is the addition of six members to the present number—169; that is one additional from each of the large counties, in which the cities of Augusta, Atlanta, Savannah and Macon are situated, and from the counties of Houston and Baker. These six counties will have three members each, the thirty-one next largest counties will have two members each, and the rest one member each—making in all one hundred and seventy-five representatives. Mr. BRYANT made an ineffectual attempt to introduce his population-basis idea, and fillibustered considerably. He was forced to retreat, however, along his whole line.

It was reported that Mr. BENJAMIN H. HILL would address the people to-night, on "The Situation," but, to the great disappointment of both friends and opponents, professional engagements prevent the Ex-Confederate Senator from keeping his appointment.

Two lectures from Admiral SEMMES, a leap-year party to which ladies invited the gentlemen, a "calico hop," a speech from Dr. BLOUNT, who is "running or Congress," are among the entertainments for the week, some of which have been, and others still to be enjoyed.

The editorial of the TIMES, on the Bingham-Alabama bill, has been widely read and heartily commended by every honest reconstructionist as the honest exposition of irresistible truth.

QUONDAM.

CANAL CONVENTION.

Second Day's Proceedings—Resolutions Introduced—Harbor and Canal Improvements—Final Adjournment.

From Our Own Reporter.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The Convention reassembled at about 11 o'clock, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read.

THOMAS KEARNEY, of Albany, was added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

The Committee on Resolutions, through Mr. CLAPP, their chairman, reported the following:

Whereas, The Canals of the State of New-York have been constructed at great expense, and are regarded with just pride as the source of our commercial prosperity and greatness; and

Whereas, In the construction of these lines of water communication, and in the imposition of tolls upon property transported thereupon, the State of New-York has covenanted with the great West to allow to all its States and Territories a cheap and commodious outlet for their products; and,

Whereas, Through a change in the system of their management and repair, by which they have been transferred from the charge of Superintendents to the care of Contractors, who have sought to make them serviceable to their own interests more than to the wants and demands of commerce, or to the benefit of those who have invested their capital in boats and property with which to navigate these inland channels of commerce; therefore,

Resolved, That we regard the present contract system of keeping the canals of the State in repair as entirely subversive of the interests of the State and of those engaged in canal commerce, and subservient alone to the advantage and profit of the contractors, as detrimental to the welfare of commerce, and ruinous alike to the canals and their interests, and to those who have invested their enterprise and capital in the transportation of property through these channels of communication; and we therefore call upon the Legislature of the State to repeal the laws under which the State canals are kept in repair by contract, and to enact others which shall provide for their repair by superintendents or some other responsible agents, so that they may be kept in navigable condition during the season of navigation, and rendered available to the demands and interests of commerce.

Resolved, That the public interest demands a radical and thorough reform in the entire management of our State canals, and to this end, integrity, experience and undoubted fitness and capacity should be the first requisite in all such appointments, as the Auditor of the Canal Department, paymasters and superintendents of repairs, and these qualifications should be held paramount to all other considerations in filling these important trusts.

Resolved, That the gross wrongs that have been inflicted upon the boatmen and forwarders connected with the commerce of our State canals, through the culpability that has marked their management, challenge our warmest sympathies and best efforts to secure for them proper relief at the earliest possible moment, through a radical and thorough change in their management; and that it is the duty of the Legislature to give its early attention to this subject, and to provide without delay for such reforms in the management of the canals as the present emergency may seem to demand.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention, and of the people of the State of New-York, are due to those Senators, through whose agency and efficiency the frauds that have been perpetrated upon the Canal interest of the State, have been thoroughly investigated and exposed to public view; and through which the people have been enabled to understand to some extent, the gross system of plunder that has been practised upon the Canal Fund of the State, and upon their own interest; and through which the usefulness of the canals has been seriously crippled, if not entirely destroyed.

Resolved, That the large number of boats now frozen in the canal, and which have on board millions of dollars worth of property, detained from its proper destination by this occurrence, have been prevented from reaching the Hudson River by a low stage of water in the canal and other mismanagement; and this detention being the result of a diversion of the water that is intended for the canal, we most earnestly protest against any further use of the water that properly belongs to canal navigation for any purpose whatever.

Resolved, That in the management of the canals of this State the first and highest object to be sought should be to facilitate and promote business and commerce, and that any plan which should fail to accomplish this object by attempting to lessen the expense of repairs is a false economy, unworthy of the Empire State, and unworthy of the occupants of the great valley extending from the ocean to the lakes.

Resolved, That the Erie Canal, through its whole line from Buffalo and Oswego to Albany, and the Champlain Canal, should, without delay, be fully completed, so that the largest class boats could pass with dispatch and safety, and to this end all the old bench walls should be removed, and double locks should be completed at every point.

Without taking action on these resolutions, Mr. FISH, of Rochester, from the Business Committee, recommended the following business:

1. To repeal the acts creating and extending the power of the Contracting Board.
2. The indorsement of the principal features of Senate bill 68.
3. To surrogate all canal contracts, not subjecting the contractor to damages, in case of a violation of contract.
4. To prosecute those who have obtained State funds fraudulently.
5. To prosecute persons using canal waters illegally.
6. To punish lock-tenders or other officers for illegally exacting money.
7. To immediately deepen bottom out the canals, so as to secure at all times, sufficient water for an easy passage to boats drawing six feet.
8. To increase the capacity of the five lift locks near Syracuse.
9. To secure the prompt repair of all locks and gates, waste weirs, &c.
10. To provide for a longer continuance of canal navigation, by an earlier opening in the Spring.
11. That a memorial be prepared for the Legislature, urging such reforms as will give greater efficiency to the canals of the State.

The Senate bill which was referred to was read, declaring that present contracts shall not be invalidated; that contractors may surrender their agreements; that the Canal Commissioner shall take up all surrendered contracts; that superintendents of repairs may be appointed, and that paymasters, who shall pay all debts once a month, may be appointed, at such compensation as may be determined by the proper authorities.

Mr. FISH offered a resolution directing the President to appoint a committee of seven to confer with the Senate and Assembly Canal Committees, and it was so ordered.

Mr. FISH, of Montgomery, moved that the resolutions of the Committee be adopted, which was done unanimously.

Mr. BULL, of Buffalo, offered a resolution in favor of a reduction of tolls upon fuel, according to a bill introduced by Mr. PITTS into the Assembly. This was supported by Mr. CLAPP, of Buffalo, in a cogent and well-considered speech. Mr. FISH also spoke on the same side, illustrating the necessity by showing that coal had been sold for $17 per ton in Rochester.

Mr. HENRY SMITH, of Albany, moved to lay the matter on the table, as a canal should first be provided before the question of tolls should be considered.

Mr. HENRY O'REILLY remarked that there was a necessity of having a heavy return freight, and it was afforded by coal. It it clear to any apprehension that a forwarder who has no return load must charge higher for his outward load, and consequently cost more to the consumer.

Mr. NILES opposed it.

A motion of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN to refer the question to a committee of five was lost.

The whole question, after some discussion, was then laid upon the table.

The Senate bill was then again read, and Mr. FISH spoke on the present wretched condition of the Canals. It cost him more money to send coal from Rochester to Dansville than it did from Rochester to New-York. He estimated the expense to the State, if it repaired the Canals, to be $3,000,000, and proportionately to the lesser lines. A boatman had gone up the Genesee Valley Canal from Rochester to Dansville, early last Summer, and was not seen again until the end of the Summer. Upon being asked where he had been all Summer, he replied, "Why, I started to go to Dansville, and I haven't got there yet." Lock tenders demand pay, and if they did not receive it the boat was sunk. The fraud and extortions in the canal business were much greater now than ever before, and there are sixteen locks where fees are charged systematically, and boatmen could not well avoid paying.

Mr. GRIFFIN said that twenty millions of bushels of grain had gone down the Mississippi this year which should have gone down the Erie Canal.

The first section of the report of the Committee, indorsing the Senate bill for abolishing contracts, was then adopted.

A substitute for the second section was adopted, declaiming very strongly against the thieving of the canal system, as at present carried on.

On the third resolution a motion was made, but not carried, to strike out any exception from the abolition of the Canal Contract, not reserving those who have vested rights. It was amended so that it should read that all contracts that could be legally abolished should be, and disclaiming any desire to have political favor shown to any man on this question. It was then adopted, as was also the fourth.

On the fifth resolution an amendment was adopted, offered by Mr. LITTLEJOHN, requesting the State to buy up the leases and water rights along the canal.

The sixth recommendation was adopted.

In the seventh resolution the part relating to test gauges was struck out. Senator MATTOON offered an amendment desiring the Legislature to appropriate moneys for necessary canal purposes, but it was not pressed.

Sections eight, nine, ten and eleven were adopted, completing the suggestions of the Business Committee. Mr. KETCHUM, of Wayne, offered a supplementary resolution, asking the Legislature to appropriate the requisite moneys for the purposes of the resolutions. Adopted.

Mr. CALEB offered the following:

Resolved, That greater facilities are imperatively demanded on the part of New-York for the accommodation of the extensive and constantly-increasing commerce of the canals of the State, and that experience teaches that the commerce cannot be conveniently carried on without having a suitable portion of the waters of the harbor set apart for the exclusive use of the large number of canal-boats that are daily arriving and departing during the season of navigation.

Adopted.

Mr. MCGOWAN offered a resolution calling a Convention a year from the present. Mr. NILES offered a substitute, desiring a committee to be appointed who should have power to call future Conventions. The latter was adopted.

Thanks were tendered to the officers of the Convention.

Mr. LITTLEJOHN offered a resolution recommending the use of AMSDEN's hydrostatic scales on the canals, thus avoiding the necessity of the use of weigh-locks. After considerable deliberation it was adopted.

Mr. FASSETT offered a resolution appointing a committee of five, with Mr. FRANK CHAMBERLAIN as chairman, to draw up a petition to the Legislature. Carried.

A local committee of seven was appointed to assist the State Committee, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*, at the call of the Committee.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Delavan House, provided by the liberality of the Albanians, which was heartily enjoyed by the canal men and some guests.

Reclaimed Inebriates.

The Sunday morning breakfasts given gratuitously at the Howard Mission in New-Bowery to the unfortunate Saturday night lodgers in adjacent station houses, have come to be a very important feature in the work of this praiseworthy institution. Every Sunday morning nearly 150 such persons, approved by the Police Captains, are furnished with substantial warm meals, to which, it is needless to say, they do full justice under the pressure of the keenest hunger. After they have all been thus satisfied, the company, consisting of men and women of almost all ages, and some of them of the most squalid and depraved appearance, are addressed by the Superintendent, Rev. W. H. VAN METER, and others, who kindly admonish them of the fate of the vicious and beseech them to reform their lives. During a period of five months as many as twenty confirmed drunkards, who have been thus kindly cared for, have been reclaimed and can now soberly industrious persons—some of them living in the Inebriates' Home, Brooklyn, while a few have been furnished with employment by business men. Last evening a large meeting in the Howard Mission House, New Bowery, was addressed by a number of these rescued ones, whose plain but thrilling narratives were listened to with the deepest attention. Among others who spoke was a young man of more than ordinary intelligence, who told the story of his fall from virtue with a degree of genuine emotion and a depth of pathos that brought tears to the eyes of all who listened to him. He said that he is the son of a clergyman in England, and that on account of his vicious course of life he was compelled by his father to leave home. He was supplied with money enough to pay his passage hither, and a surplus with which he could subsist until he found employment. In a strange land he squandered his funds in the company of the most degraded and vile, with whom he met in some of the dens in the lower part of the City. His money gone, he became desperate, and was turning the thoughts of suicide or felony over in his mind, when he happened to pass the Fourth Precinct Station-house on Saturday night. Here he entered, and requested a lodging until the following morning, which was granted, and he took his first sleep in an unpaid-for bed. He said that the prime cause of his misery had been the immoderate use of intoxicating liquor, for which he had long entertained a strong love. He had now resolved to reform and go back to his father's house as soon as he could raise the means with which to do so. Another speaker had been a dentist to the royal family of France; a third a noted English prize-fighter, recently arrived from London; while others of less note had filled various positions of respectability in mercantile life. The audience was composed mainly of poverty-stricken denizens of that locality, who frequently wept at hearing the touching recitals of their rescued brethren. The scholars of the Mission School interspersed the exercises with pleasant songs, under the direction of the Chairman of the meeting, Mr. ARNOLD. "All this came," said one, "of the consideration of satisfying the stomach of a hungry man before preaching repentence to him."

BILLIARDS.

A Remarkable Game—Foster Beats Dion 1,000 Points.

Last evening at the Astor Billiard-rooms, the second of the practice games between JOSEPH DION and MELVIN FOSTER, the latter of whom is preparing for his contest with JOHN MCDEVITT for the championship, was played in presence of about three hundred leading professionals and amateurs. The first game was played on Tuesday night, and resulted in favor of DION by a score of 1,500 to 1,150. FOSTER's largest run on that occasion was 318; DION's was 503, with which he closed the game. The contest last evening resulted in the signal defeat of the Canadian player, as may be seen by the score appended. FOSTER exhibited consummate skill in bringing the balls together, and also in keeping them in that situation. Three of his large runs were terminated abruptly. The run of 506 was ended by his accidentally touching a ball in lifting his hand from the table; that of 232 by his ball "freezing," and that of 445 by his ball going into the pocket after a successful shot. On this last run the chances were that he would continue until the requisite 1,500 had been scored, which would have made his average 116. DION was unfortunate at times, and certainly did not play up to his accustomed mark. But even if he had played as well as usual, he must have been badly beaten, as nothing could withstand FOSTER's admirable management of the balls. The game was played on a second-sized four-pocket Phelan & Collender table, the push shot being allowed, and "jawing" prohibited—the same terms, in every particular, as those upon which FOSTER is to play with MCDEVITT on the 8th of April. The average of the winner is considerably greater than was ever before made on a four-pocket table, in a game of like length, between players of presumed equal skill.

The following is the score:

DION.—0, 30, 0, 16, 34, 56, 0, 4, 1, 59, 63, 31, 35, 12, 105, 2, 3, 0, 1, 4, 32, 19, 0, 0. Total, 507. Average, 21.

FOSTER.—0, 5, 206, 8, 245, 18, 12, 6, 3, 3, 232, 206, 445, 0, 0, 6, 3, 4, 20, 23, 2, 19, 6, 29. Total, 1,500. Average, 62½.

DION banked three times and counted twice; FOSTER banked twice, but did not count. DION played four times for safety, and FOSTER six times. DION's ball went into the pocket four times, but never off of a count. FOSTER's went in three times, once off of a count.

Union League Club.

A regular meeting of this Club was held last evening.

The President, on taking the chair, after referring to various matters of business that would be presented connected with the election of members of the new Clubhouse, and the by-laws, said:

Lastly, gentlemen, the Executive Committee will report, through Mr. EATON, for your consideration, a preambie and resolutions expressing the sentimenta of this body in reference to the impeachment of the Presi ent of the United States for high crimes and misdemeanors. To an event of such profound significance, immediate and historic, coming when our Union, recently convulsed by civil war, is but partially restored—an event which has absorbed the attention of the country, and which, doubtless, is now exciting the astonishment and puzzling the thoughts of Europe, this Club cannot be indifferent. To us it is a matter of moment, if we regard it in the light of the last and highest test of the supremacy of the Constitution which we have assisted to preserve, and of the serene strength of a Republic based upon the affections of an intelligent and free people; and this view becomes more clear when we think of the probable results that would follow an impeachment by the popular representatives in Europe of a sovereign charged with violating the laws of the State. It concerns us also in its bearing upon the grand object of the material and our hope of speedy and complete restoration of the Republic and the return of this national harmony, confidence and prosperity which our Peace Democracy, assisted by the aristocrats and moneykings of Europe conspired with the rebels to destroy, and of which they seem resolved to prevent our enjoyment unless we will restore them to power by reëstablishing the South on the old basis of Pro-Slavery caste, privilege and aristocracy. In both aspects, then, of the impeachment, as testing the strength of the Government and affecting the question of reconstruction, this Club may, I think, speak with dignity and force, as a body whose record presents it as the successful champion of American principles, and which from the pursuits of its members is largely identified with the prosperity of the country.

Mr. EATON, in behalf of the Executive Committee, presented the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The House of Representatives, in the exercise of their constitutional rights and responsibilities, have, by a vote of 126 to 47, resolved that ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors. By the Constitution, the trial of the accused, upon the said impeachment, will be before the Senate of the United States as a Court specially appointed for the said purpose, with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as the presiding officer thereof, and with each Senator as Judge, sworn to do impartial justice. The impeachment and trial of a President, occurring for the first time in our history, is being represented by disaffected partisans throughout the country as threatening the public peace, imparing commercial confidence, and injurious to the industrial prosperity of the people. Under these circumstances this Club, which represents, perhaps, more extensively than any other, the commercial and industrial interests of the nation which centre in New-York, deems it proper to declare its sentiments as follows:

Resolved, That in view of the devotion exhibited to the National Constitution by the mass of the American people who saved it from overthrow in the late rebellion, there is nothing in this impeachment and trial of a President in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, to disturb in any degree the tranquility of the country, or the interest of commerce.

Resolved, That remembering the stern patriotism of the American Congress since the war began, in obeying the voice of their loyal constituents, preserving the life of the nation, vindicating the honor of its flag and defeating the efforts of domestic traitors and foreign foes for the destruction of the Constitution, we have entire confidence that all proceedings on the part of the House of Representatives in the impeachment, and the Senate as judges, will be marked by the fairness, the justice and the solemnity that befit the trial of the National Executive for offences against the dignity of the Republic.

Resolved, That whatever may be the judgment of the High Court of Impeachment, it will be calmly accepted by the nation as the final decision of an august tribunal, to whose guardianship has been committed in large measure the integrity of the Constitution, the supremacy of the laws, the sovereignty of the American people, and the majesty of impartial justice.

The resolutions were adopted.

It was stated that the new club-house in Madison-square is to be inaugurated on the 9th of April.

The Club then adjourned.

The O. Æ. Society—Annual Reunion—Addresses and Sentiments.

A large and select audience assembled in the lecture-room of Bellevue Hospital Medical College last evening, on the occasion of the fourth annual reunion of the O. Æ. Society. The Faculty of the College occupied chairs on the stage, at the left of which a band of music was stationed, which at intervals enlivened the proceedings with choice pieces.

The exercises commenced with an invocation by Rev. Dr. ALFRED B. BEACH, Chaplain of the Society.

EDWARD C. HARWOOD, M. D., President of the Society, then addressed the audience. To all those assembled he bade a hearty welcome. The principles of the Society as laid down by its founders had been carried out to the last degree, and it was right that it should be so. Truly these were the halcyon days of the members. Many interesting changes had taken place within the past four years. The founding of the Society was the result of the energetic action of three students of the class of 1864-'65 of the Bellevue Medical College. When first organized the Society met in a small room, which they engaged for the purpose, but at a later period they were allowed to meet in the class-room of the College. Their object was to promote a brotherly feeling toward each other and bind themselves more closely to their *Alma Mater*. The first reunion proved a great success, as also did those of the second and third years. The speaker next referred to the active part taken by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction in founding the College, and the great advantages which the institution afforded its students. He then mentioned in terms of praise the names of some or the gentlemen who were foremost in their efforts to promote the interest of the Society. Among these were the late SIMEON DRAPER, who was a Commissioner of Charities and Correction; TIMOTHY CHILDS, Professor of Anatomy; Dr. J. T. ROBINSON, whose loss these had been called upon to mourn—Dr. J.T. ROBINSON, one of the original three; Dr. CHARLES A. LEE, the attendant physician upon President LINCOLN in his last hours, and Dr. GEORGE B. KENT, of Newark, N. J. There was one who had proved a traitor to the order, and his name had been forever stricken from the roll. There were others among the living and the dead whose kind deeds in behalf of the Society deserved to be mentioned, but time would not permit him to do so. The speaker stated that the Society met every week to listen to the reading of an essay, and he hoped that its influence would be extended to all parts of the globe. [Applause.]

Prof. E. OGDEN DOREMUS was the next speaker. He opened his remarks by alluding to a certain lecturer in England, and that on account of his ideas of morality in the use of them, [renewed laughter,] who asks her hearers: "For what was I made?" and on twice repeating the query was answered by one of her rich male auditors, "I give it up." The Professor would apply the remark to his listeners, and ask them if they knew for what they were created? He then spoke of the wonders of the terrestrial sphere, the marvelous mysteries of the planetary system and the rapid advance that had been made in the fields of science within the past century. He then glanced hastily at the progress made in civilization in this country and foreign countries, and alluded to the great work in that direction which yet remained to be achieved. He next referred to the mysteries of the human body, and claimed that from the fact of our limited knowledge of medical science we had but just entered upon its study. At the conclusion of his address the speaker received repeated applause.

The following sentiments were then read:

Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

The Faculty. Response by Prof. BENJAMIN W. MCCREADY, M. D.

The Ladies. Response by Prof. B. FORDYCE BARKER, M. D.

The O. Æ. Society. Response by PHILIP WOOLY, M. D.

Medical Profession. Response by Prof. LEWIS A. SAYRE, M. D.

The Memory of the Fathers of Medicine. Response by Prof. WILLIAM A. HAMMOND, M. D.

American Surgery. Response by Prof. ALEXANDER B. MOTT, M. D.

The City of New-York. Response by Prof. WILLIAM H. VAN BUREN, M. D.

The Graduating Class. Response by WALDEN L. HALL, M. D.

The exercises closed with the Benediction.

New-York Homeopathic Medical College.

The Eighth Annual Commencement of the New-York Homeopathic Medical College was held in the hall of the Historical Society, Second-avenue, last evening, HORACE WEBSTER, LL. D., presiding. The following members of the Faculty occupied seats on the platform: J. Beakley, M. D., Professor of Surgery; D. D. Smith, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics; S. R. Kirby, M. D., Professor of Forensic Medicine; S. B. Barlow, M. D., Professor of *Materia Medica*; F. W. Hunt, M. D., Special Pathology and Diagnosis; H. M. Smith, M. D., Professor of Physiology and Histology; T. F. Allen, M. D., Professor of Anatomy; P. P. Wells, M. D., Professor of Practice of Medicine; Carroll Dunham, M. D. Professor of Clinical Medicine; J. J. Mitchell, M. D., Professor of Chemistry and Toxicology.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. D. K. LEE.

Prof. J. BEAKLEY, M. D., Dean of the Faculty, conferred the degrees upon the graduating class, as follows:

E. W. Avery, J. S. Beakley, C. D. Belden, L. A. Birdsall, W. A. Bivin, New-York City; Alonzo Bishop, Ithaca, N. Y.; J. W. Brown, Sowville, N. Y.; B. G. Bryan, Modena, N. Y.; George Colton, Ironburg, Vt.; Luke Corcoran, Springfield, Mass.; C. P. Cook, Hudson, N. Y.; R. B. Covert, Geneva, N. Y.; I. V. Daggett, Middlebury, Vt.; C. S. Eldridge, A. Eldridge, Flint, Mich.; H. Elliott, Galt, Canada; E. W. Finch, Rye, N. Y.; W. B. Garside, M. D., New-York City; Jas. Gerrie, Dundas, Canada; P. A. Gordon, Mayaville, Ky.; N. G. Hamilton, London, Canada; Stephen Hasbrouck, Passaic, N. J.; J. Hall, M. D., St. Mary's, Canada; E. R. Howie, Galt, Canada; H. Hutchings, Batavia, N. Y.; R. B. Jenks, Owego, N. Y.; E. R. Lane, Newark, N. J.; C. Garret Lansing, M. D., New-York City; A. H. Mallo, Middlefield, N. Y.; C. H. Martin, M. D., Allentown, Penn.; J. DeV. Moore, Fonda, N. Y.; M. V. B. Morse, Salem, Mass.; E. C. Newport, Holyoke, Mass.; J. C. Otis, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; L. D. Parkhurst, M. D., Florida, N. Y.; G. H. Patchen, Burlington, Iowa; H. P. Partridge, Keeseville, N. Y.; A. M. Persons, New-York City; Miles Rorabacher, Litchfield, Mich.; Aaron Walker, Lowell, Mass.; E. A. Wareheim, Manchester, Md.; E. B. Whitaker, Pittsford, Vt.

Rev. D. K. LEE addressed the graduating class. He was very fond of doctors; he liked them for their genial good nature and true humor; he would not part with the treasures of his library—the works of doctors, for anything; Dr. AKENSIDE, Dr. GOLDSMITH and others of the old time, and the autocrat of the breakfast table, the present, a man whose humor always sparkled, but when he went out of his way to ridicule homeopathy, then he seemed always to leave his wit at home. He, the speaker, had seen the good works of homeopathy in his family, among his friends, in his congregation, and he had always witnessed its triumphs; but to increase his admiration for the system, and on that occasion he could not but regard the going out of so many disciples of that school as the marching of a noble and gallant army, to allay disease and to stay the hand of Death.

E. W. AVERY, M. D., of the graduating class, delivered the valedictory, which was a carefully and ably prepared effort, and was well applauded by the large and appreciative audience.

Prof. S. R. KIRBY, M. D., on behalf of the Faculty, delivered the valedictory address. He said homeopathy was widely regarded as a system, the practice of which required no brains, but that granduating class would find out that in their lives they would need to exercise all their brains. He advised them not to write any books on domestic medicine. The Professor continued at considerable length in a humorous strain, imparting to the gentlemen graduating many practical hints, excellent counsel, and charging them to exercise quiet positiveness, to gain confluence and respect, to acquire knowledge, to think to be calm, to be genial without levity, to carry pure and courageous hearts, and so keep the countenance all rigat; to be natural, not imitative, to not get discouraged, and, last tact, to be gentlemen, to be happy, and to get each a wife—a loving wife.

Rev. Mr. LEE dismissed the audience with the Benediction.

New-York City Mission.

On Wednesday evening, the City Mission Society held its monthly meeting in the Spring-street Presbyterian Church, A. R. WETMORE, Esq., Vice-President, in the chair. A member of the missionaries detailed incidents of their experiences and observations in tenement-houses and mission stations, showing the effects of christian sympathy and practical philanthropy. Tea meetings, concerts, lectures, temperance societies and literary clubs have been instituted for the rational and social entertainment of the people, and every effort is exerted to make the poor man himself a party in these efforts at reform and improvement. Mr. LEWIS E. JACKSON, Corresponding Secretary, referred to the early history of the Spring-street Church, and of the mission cause, and traced the progress of religious enterprise, and gave a general view of the present condition of the Churches, and of the City Mission works. Rev. GEORGE J. MINGINS, Superintendent of Missions, graphically described the work of the Christian Church as that of an army, and made some telling points in his use of the military operations in our late war of the Union.

Rev. JAMES C. NELSON, Pastor of the Church, said "we are glad to hear these encouraging reports from our dear missionary brethren. We are grateful to the City mission for this visit. I feel a special gratification in welcoming you here, for the obligation I am under to an early convert of the City mission, a good man, full of faith and love, who gave me great comfort and encouragement when I first came to the church. We are rejoiced to know of the general advance of the good cause. We have some impression of the greatness of the work of City missions, but we do not fully realize its dignity."

Among the figures, representing a months' operations, we find the following: 43 missionaries, 14 mission-stations, 11,040 missionary visits, 362 meetings, 472 persons to churches and missions, 216 children to sabbath-school, 134 bibles and testaments given, and 72,471 tracts distributed; 500 families or 1,500 persons, per week, are on the visiting roll for temporary relief, and the missionaries are busy day and night giving assistance to the sick and needy.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 27—11:15 A. M.

Consols are steady at 93¾ for money and the account. American Securities open quiet at the following quotations:

United States Five-twenty Bonds	71¾
Erie Shares	44¾
Illinois Central	88¾

PARIS, Thursday, Feb. 27.

The Bourse is active and Rentes are firm.

FRANKFORT, Thursday, Feb. 27.

United States Five-twenty Bonds open at 76¾ for the oldissue.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, Feb. 27—11:15 A. M.

COTTON—The Cotton market opens quiet and steady at 9¼d. for Middling Uplands, and 9¾d. for Middling Orleans. The sales are not likely to exceed 10,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—The Breadstuffs market is generally steady, however Corn has declined to 42s. ₰ quarter for Mixed Western. Wheat, 10s. 2d. ₰ cental for California White, and 14s. 8d. for No. 2 Red Western. Barley, 5s. 6d. ₰ bushel. Oats, 3s. 10d. ₰ bushel. Peas, 46s. ₰ 504 lbs. Flour, 37s. 6d. ₰ bbl. for Western Canal.

PROVISIONS—The Provision market opens quiet and steady. Beef, 112s. 6d. ₰ bbl. for extra Prime Mess. Pork, 71s. ₰ bbl. for Eastern Prime Mess. Lard. 63s. ₰ cwt. Cheese, 52s. ₰ cwt. for the best grades of fine. Bac